Black Sea NGO Forum, 9th edition

31st October - 2nd of November 2016
Interhotel Cherno More
Varna, Bulgaria

- Draft Agenda -

Arrival: 30th of October

DAY I: 31st of October

9:00 – 9:30 Registration of participants

9:30 – 11:00 Official opening session & Update on the Implementation of the Strategic Framework for Civil Society Cooperation in the Black Sea Region

Guest Speaker: Mr. Johannes Hahn, European Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations - TBC


H.E. Gheorghe Magheru, Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania
Mr. Krassimir Tulevski, Director, Southeast Europe Directorate The Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs - TBC
Mr. Boris Iarochevitch, Head of Unit Eastern Partnership, Regional Cooperation and OSCE, European External Action Service (EEAS)
H.E. Traian Chebeleu, Deputy Secretary General, Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation – BSEC
Mr. Justin Kilcullen, Co-Chair, CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness – CPDE
Ms. Emma Gileva, Regional Coordinator, The Black Sea NGO Network (BSNN)

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Regional trends on enabling environment for civil society organisations in the Black Sea

Moderator: Mr. Sorin Mereacre, President, East-Europe Foundation - TBC

Presentation of the Follow-up Report on Enabling Environment for Civil Society in the Black Sea Region

Ms. Angela Grămadă, Researcher, National School of Political and Administrative Studies / President, Experts for Security and Global Affairs Association (ESGA)
Perspectives & Reactions

Mr. Dimitrios Triantaphyllou, Director, Center for International and European Studies (CIES), Kadir Has University Istanbul
Ms. Sanja Bogatinoska, Junior Policy and Advocacy Officer, Balkan Civil Society Development Network (BCSDN)
Ms. Nino Khukhua, Executive Director, Local Democracy Agency Georgia
Ms. Sophia Petriashvili, Youth Empowerment Learning Hub Lead, World Vision International in Middle East and Eastern Europe Region (MEER)

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch break

14:00 – 15:30  Connecting the Forum with other regional initiatives

Moderator:  Mr. Richard Youngs, Senior Associate, Democracy and Rule of Law Program, Carnegie Europe - TBC

Mr. Hovsep Khurshudyan, Steering Committee Member, Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum / Coordinator, Black Sea NGO Forum Culture & Education Working Group
Ms. Ksenia Vakhrusheva, Steering Committee Member, EU-Russia Civil Society Forum / Environmental Rights Centre BELLONA, St. Petersburg
Mr. Matija Vilfan, Head of Office, Danube Strategy Point, EU Strategy for the Danube Region – TBC
Mr. Stavros Kalognomos, Policy Officer, Conference for Peripheral Maritime Regions

15:30 – 16:00  Coffee break

16:00 – 17:30  Parallel Sessions: Thematic Workshops

19:00  Welcoming reception: Celebrating the International Black Sea Day
DAY II – 1st of November

**9:00 – 11:00**  Donors’ Market: What funds for civil society organisations in the region?

**Mr. Boris Iarochevitch**, Head of Unit Eastern Partnership, Regional Cooperation and OSCE, European External Action Service (EEAS)

**Ms. Raluca Buzan**, Financial Officer, Joint Technical Secretariat, Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme 2014 – 2020

**Mr. Martins Murnieks**, Program Officer, Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation

**Ms. Lisbeth Pilegaard**, Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee, European Endowment for Democracy

**11:00 – 11:30**  Coffee break

**11:30 – 12:30**  “Picking up from where we left” – Updates from the Black Sea NGO Forum Working Groups

*Facilitator: Mr. Ken Phillips, International Consultant, Organization Futures*

**Objectives:**

- Sharing updates & experiences of working together – activities so far and results of the regional thematic meetings.
- Bringing new participants on board - identifying new organisations to get involved in the working groups.

**12:30 – 13:30**  Lunch break

**13:30 – 15:00**  “How we can work together for a common goal?” - Interactive session for the Black Sea NGO Forum Working Groups (Part I)

*Facilitator: Mr. Ken Phillips, International Consultant, Organization Futures*

**Objective:** Interactive session on how to build networks. At the end of the session, participants will learn:

- The importance & added value of a regional network;
- How do you build a regional network?
- Ways of working together;
- How do you maintain the network active?
- Networking with a purpose.

**15:00 – 15:30**  Coffee break

**15:30 – 17:00**  “How we can work together for a common goal?” - Interactive session for the Black Sea NGO Forum Working Groups (Part II)

*Facilitator: Mr. Ken Phillips, International Consultant, Organization Futures*

**17:00 – 17:30**  Way forward
DAY III – 2\textsuperscript{nd} of November

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