Black Sea NGO Forum, 9th edition
31st October - 2nd November 2016
Interhotel Cherno More
Varna, Bulgaria

- 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


H.E. Gheorghe Magheru, Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania
Ms. Maria Pavlova, Director of the UN and Cooperation for Development Directorate, 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. Ștefan Cibian, President, Romanian Association for International Cooperation and Development – ARCADIA / Board member, The Romanian NGDO Platform (FOND)

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

Ms. Angela Grămădă, 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, Evidence and Knowledge Management Director, World Vision Middle East, Eastern European Region

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 15:30 Connecting the Forum with other regional initiatives
Moderator: Mr. Cosmin Bârzan, Executive Chairman, The Civic Resource Centre/Board member, The Romanian NGDO Platform (FOND)
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. Stavros Kalognomos, Policy Officer, Conference for Peripheral Maritime Regions

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

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

Workshop 1: Local Communities Involvement in Addressing Environmental Problems – Emerging Patterns and Regional Issues
Moderator and speaker: Mr. Aleksandar Shivarov, Black Sea NGO Network
Speakers:
Ms. Natalia Oniashvili, Caucasus Green Area, Georgia
Ms. Mihaela Cândea, Mare Nostrum, Romania
Ms. Tatiana Tribrat, EWNC (Environmental Watch on Northern Caucasus), Russia
Mr. Oleg Rubeļ, BSB – UEAS (Black Sea/Odessa Branch of the Ukrainian Environmental Academy of Science), Ukraine

Workshop 2: A Tool for Defending Children's Rights in Our Region: The Child Protection Index
Ms. Mirela Opriţa, ChildPact Secretary General, ChildPact
Ms. Mariana Ianaşevici, ChildPact President & President of APSCF Moldova
Mr. George Bogdanov, ChildPact Vice-President & Executive Director of NNC Bulgaria

Workshop 3: Engaging local authorities in civic space, climate change and participatory budgeting
Facilitator: Ms. Ana-Maria Suciu, Policy and Advocacy Officer, European Network of National Civil Society Associations (ENNA)

Workshop 4: Follow-up discussion of the Plenary Session on Enabling Environment for CSOs
Facilitator: Mr. Valentin Burada, Program Director, Civil Society Development Foundation

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?

Moderator: Ms. Olivia Baciu, Board Member, European NGO Confederation for Development and Relief – CONCORD, FOND Representative

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 II – 2nd of November

9:30 – 11:00  **Bringing development effectiveness at the core** – Updates on the International Trends on Sustainable Development (in coordination with the European Region of CPDE - CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness)

Moderator: **Mr. Justin Kilcullen**, Co-Chair, CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness – CPDE

**Ms. Izabella Toth**, European representative, CPDE / Senior Corporate Strategist, CORDAID

**Ms. Zuzana Sladkova**, Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, European NGO Confederation for Development and Relief - CONCORD

**Ms. Antonița Fonari**, Black Sea and Balkans sub-region representative, CPDE / President, National Council of NGOs, Republic of Moldova

11:00 – 11:30  **Closing session**

11:30 – 12:00  Coffee break

12:00 – 13:30  **Coordination Meeting for the CPDE European Region (closed session)**

12:00 – 13:30  **Networking Space for Working Groups’ Meetings & Partnership Initiatives**

13:30 – 14:30  Lunch break

**Departure of participants**