THE STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK OF THE BLACK SEA NGO FORUM ON CIVIL SOCIETY REGIONAL COOPERATION

The strategic process was launched during the 7th edition of the Forum, in Kyiv – Ukraine (2014), with the purpose of fostering sustainability and coherence to regional cooperation at the Black Sea.

2011: 1) elaboration of an impact study of the Forum 2) the need for a common sustainable cooperation framework
2014: 2) strategic meeting in Brussels on the future of the BSF in fostering regional cooperation 3) the 7th edition of the Black Sea NGO Forum focused on enabling environment for CSOs in the region and the regional multi-stakeholder consultation
2015: 2) participatory process during the 8th edition of the forum 3) 5 thematic working groups established, based on the participants’ proposals of cooperation areas for civil society at the Black Sea with the purpose of continuing their work in between Forums

THE STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS INCLUDES:

- promoting and supporting an enabling environment for civil society organisations (CSOs) in the Black Sea Region
- supporting the creation of formal and informal thematic networks in the cooperation areas identified and voted by the participants.

TOP 5 PRIORITY COOPERATION AREAS FOR CSOs:

1. Knowledge network
2. Anti-corruption
3. Citizen participation & volunteering
4. Youth
5. Education & culture

WHAT’S NEXT?

- Finalizing the strategic framework
- Facilitating, supporting and monitoring the activity of the Working Groups (WGs)
- Continuing to monitor the state of enabling environment for CSOs in the region and carrying out research on the specific enabling environment dimensions (legal framework, policy influencing, donor – CSOs relationship) with a focus on exchanging best practices, facilitating the exchange of best practices between CSOs on enabling environment issues.

JOIN US!

Anyone interested in sharing experiences and good practices, building coalitions and networks in the Black Sea Region is welcomed to participate and become involved in common projects.

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