Black Sea Region: Turning Common Problems into Opportunities

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Strategic importance: situated between Europe, Central Asia and the Middle East

Common challenges: environment, energy, transport, economic and social development.

Geopolitical diversity: pro-European, pro-Russian, independent, sub-regions

So called 'frozen or active conflicts' on the territories of Georgia (Abkhazia, South Ossetia), Armenia and Azerbaijan (Nagorno Karabakh) and Moldova (Transdniestria), Russia – Ukraine.

Complex cultural and religious affiliations, cultural and historical heritage, including societal structures, as well as national interests and development prospects.

Common social and economic problems: unemployment, migration, urbanization, nationalistic rhetoric

Developed: Civil society, peoples’ movements, increasing youth population in some countries
The region: Illustration Military presence in the Black Sea Sub-region
Universal values:

People: to ensure healthy lives, knowledge and the inclusion of women and children;

Planet: to protect our ecosystems for all societies and our children;

Partnership: to catalyze global solidarity for sustainable development,

Justice: to promote safe and peaceful societies and strong institutions;

Dignity: to end poverty and fight inequality;

And Prosperity: to grow a strong, inclusive and transformative economy.
**Black Sea NGO Forum – Space for sharing, learning, networking and development**

Black Sea NGO Forum “Investing in Our Common Future”, Constanța, Romania. 1\textsuperscript{st} presentation on YB model,
October 21 – 23, 2010

Black Sea NGO Forum 5\textsuperscript{th} Edition “Participation and Inclusion for Responsive Development” – Bucharest, Romania. - Meeting of YB coordinators Armenia – Romania, Cluj Napoca, October 24-25, 2012

Black Sea NGO Forum, Tbilisi, Georgia, Setting up the thematic working group on YB. November 2nd – 3rd, 2015,

Black Sea NGO Forum, Varna, Bulgaria – strategy discussion by YouthBank Regional subgroup
November 1-2, 2016
The themes of the Working groups emerged during the BS NGO Forum in Tbilisi 2015:

Workshop 1: Local Communities Involvement in Addressing Environmental Problems

Workshop 2: Defending Children's Rights

Workshop 3: Engaging local authorities in civic space, climate change and participatory budgeting

Workshop 4: Enabling Environment for CSOs

Workshop 5: YouthBank in the Black Sea area

Workshop 6: CSOs in culture and educational programs
Why YouthBank
Youth Bank is unique, inspirational, and addictive. It puts money directly into the hands of young people who decide on how it will be spent.
29 countries  16 Steps  1 language
29 networks raised by local youthbank sites
206 youthbank sites
€138,676
2390 grant makers
933 projects funded
€785,962 distributed so far
28 countries
144,323 beneficiaries
Delivering the Results of Black Sea NGO Forums

- YB Armenia visit YB Romania in Cluj Napoca, October 2012
- Regional Meeting in Istanbul, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia /Abkhazia, Turkey Feb., 2013
- YB Poland launched, 2014
- Exchange visit Georgia/Abkhazia in Armenia YBs, July, 2014
- YB CEE Coordinators’ Networking Meeting, Bucharest, May 18-20, 2016
- YB Network of the Central and Eastern Europe meeting in Yerevan, October 14-16, 2016
- Exchange visit Georgian and Bosnian YBs, July 2017
- Exchange visit Armenia Turkey YBs, 2013, 2014, 2016, July 2017
- YB CEE meeting in Tbilisy, September 20-21,
- And much more
Black Sea NGO Forum and YB CEE Network

October 21-22, Yerevan Armenia
Networking People and Organizations

Participants: 40 youth and coordinators

1. Foundation for Poland – Poland
2. ISAR Ednannia – Ukraine
3. Togliatti Community Foundation – Russia
4. Europe Foundation – Georgia
5. Eurasia Partnership Foundation – Armenia
6. Valmiera Community Foundation – Latvia
7. Mozaik Foundation – Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH)
8. Community Volunteers Foundation (TOG) – Turkey
9. Workshop for Civic Initiatives Foundation – Bulgaria
10. The Romanian NGDO platform - Romania
11. Foundation for Youth Involvement (FIT) – Romania
12. South African Youth Leaders’ Network - SA
13. Youthprise - USA
14. YouthBank International Network - UK

- At least 6 networking proposals in Armenia in 2017
- Hosting a group of scholars from Turkey,
- Joint proposals including Greece, Turkey, Romania
- exchange visits and more
YouthBank around the Black Sea area: Sub-regional network
YouthBank around the Black Sea area: Sub-regional network
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YB CEE Network: Road from Strategy to Action

October 16-18, 2016 Yerevan Armenia
The YouthBank Thematic Group meeting of the Countries of the Central and Eastern Europe

Strategy
- creating an enabling environment for youth development.
- build a minimal structure.
- consider the admin implications.
- develop content for providing stronger youth experiences.

Outputs:
- Define regional cooperation strategy
- Sharing innovation and ideas to ‘grow’ YB
- Develop re-usable regional training (content + human resources)
- Youth needs assessment, Regional data collection
- Build regional marketing materials, Agree on regional branding approach
- Regional impact evaluation
- Regional fundraising + partnership development
- Sharing success + operational learning
- Develop menu of international experiences
- Create a regional ‘think tank’ on youth issues
Turning Conflicts into Opportunities
Adding value to Community projects
Turning Economic Problems into Opportunities
Addictive Culture of Volunteerism and Philanthropy
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Golden Rules

While all Youth Banks are given flexibility to develop in a variety of ways to suit local needs, their work is underpinned by a number of key principles. These are called the Youth Bank Golden Rules.
Fun and Inspiration!!!
THANK YOU
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We empower people to make change in their own lives, in their communities and in the open world – promoting freedoms, equality, participation, cooperation and peace.