

THE MOBILITY FUND FOR CSO EXPERTS IN THE BLACK SEA REGION

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The **overall objective** of the Mobility Fund is to support **the exchange of best practices/ lessons learnt in specific thematic areas among civil society organisations (CSO) experts in the Black Sea Region with the aim** of strengthening their capacity to engage in regional cooperation. The fund will cover mobility costs (international travel, accommodation, meals and local travel) for attending seminars/ workshops/ working meetings/ study visits.

Proposals which address one of the 10 thematic cooperation areas part of the [“Strategic Framework for Civil Society Cooperation in the Black Sea Region”](#) will be given priority. However, other thematic areas with potential for regional cooperation might be taken into consideration.

The Mobility Fund is open for applications from **9th of May 2019 until 15th of December 2019** and is **eligible for CSO experts from the Black Sea Synergy countries**, both non-EU (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, Russia and Turkey) and EU (Bulgaria, Greece and Romania).

For more information about the application process, please see the following documents: funding guidelines, application and reimbursement forms.

The Mobility Fund responds to the need for more mobility and connectivity among CSOs experts from the Black Sea Region countries. According to the feedback provided by participants in the evaluation forms of the [annual Black Sea NGO Forum editions](#) and in the [Black Sea NGO Forum Report - A Decade On: Evaluation, Impact and Perspectives \(2012-2016\)](#), the exchange of knowledge, expertise and best practices is essential for the Forum to reach its full potential of consolidating regional cooperation among civil society at the Black Sea.



The [Black Sea NGO Forum](#) is a regional initiative organised since 2008 within the framework of the Black Sea Synergy by the [Romanian NGDO Platform – FOND](#), with the purpose of consolidating regional cooperation and fostering the sustainable development of the Black Sea Region.

The Black Sea NGO Forum aims to create an open space for debate, mutual knowledge and understanding, communication and cooperation among civil society representatives, governments, international organizations and donors active in the Black Sea region, with a focus on sharing good practices in various domains and success stories of regional cooperation. In its 11 editions, the Forum has reunited over 1,100 participants from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russia, Turkey and Ukraine, as well as other countries.

In January 2019, FOND has started a three-year project funded by the European Union [„Building CSO Capacity for Regional Cooperation within the Black Sea Region”](#), aiming at developing the Forum into a mechanism of support for CSOs in the Black Sea Region by providing capacity building opportunities and support for the creation of joint partnerships, projects, networks and initiatives of CSOs in this region.

This activity is part of the project „Building CSO Capacity for Regional Cooperation within the Black Sea Region”, implemented by the Romanian NGDO Platform – FOND and funded by the European Union for the next three years, for the period January 2019 – December 2021.

