

THEMATIC REGIONAL MEETING
- Follow-up 8th edition of the Black Sea NGO Forum –

**Black Sea NGO Coordination meeting for facilitation of the networking
and PPP in Cultural sector
CONCEPT**

Location and date of the event - Kiev, Ukraine, October 12 2016

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Goal - The event major goal is to improve the Public Private Partnership (PPP) in cultural sector and facilitate active involvement of stakeholders as well as civil society in planning, decision making and implementation process concerning the development of cultural / Art sector.

Practical outline for further cooperation and action steps of networking group.

Objectives - Culture and Education plays significant role in development of country/region and the society. It creates Cultural and social value as it shapes individual and collective identities, facilitates Social Change since Art/Culture (like education) is most powerful tool to promote democratic values of civil society and also brings Economic benefits.

At this stage, in majority of countries of Black Sea region there is lack of understanding of importance of Art/cultural industry, lack of strong public-private partnership in culture, lack of linkage and cooperation between various stakeholders both on national and regional level. Especially, should be mentioned that no close cooperation and sufficient joint projects are taking place among Black Sea various countries.

Taking into account existing situation (problematic areas and needs) suggested event will have following objectives to address:

- To develop the network/working group of organizations active/interested in cultural/education sector in the Black Sea Region, established during the Black Sea NGO Forum on November 2-3 2015.
- To Facilitate and support process of PPP in cultural sector of the Black Sea region
- Identify the potential areas for cooperation and 3 specific projects for joint implementation

Participants - The expected number of participants is about 30 organizations. Each organization will be represented by one person.

The countries – Ukraine, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Moldova, Turkey, Romania, Bulgaria, Russia (from this list 4 countries–Turkey, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine–are partially participated in the Creative Europe program and Armenia going to sign the agreement on participation soon).

Organizations – will be selected organizations from Black Sea NGO Forum "Education and Culture" WG as well as active organizations from cultural sector will be added based on recommendations of WG members from Black Sea region countries that will provide their positive input. From 2 to 5 organisation representatives will be selected from each above mentioned countries based on the nominations from the Black Sea NGO Forum «Culture and Education» WG members/interested participants.

Selection – will be made through consensus by the representatives of organiser of the Coordination meeting and its partner. Some priority will be given to members of WG, and the rest will be selected based on application form and project ideas. Each applicant will be asked to present 1 page project idea – possible action plan for joint implementation in cultural sector.

Expected Results - Expected results from event:

- Networking platform as a Black Sea NGO Forum Working group developed – all participants of the Coordination meeting in fact will become of its' members
- Online forms of communication created - Facebook group, Google group.

Teams of partners created based on Project ideas suggested at the Coordination meeting by participants, 3 joint Project proposals to be developed until November 2016. Better understanding of PPP issues in Culture/Art Sector and Creative Europe program's opportunities.

Sustainability - Sustainability can be achieved via following:

- Networking group/team created will continue work and communication on several problematic issues identified at Coordination meeting and will develop joint actions/projects to address them
- Online communication platform created - it will have mainly facebook group format (closed group) where members can exchange the ideas, share information, experience etc. Also other organizations that are active in Cultural field and can bring benefits for joint actions, will be gradually added during the ongoing communication.
- Specific project ideas that will be presented and discussed during Coordinating meeting will have follow-up from participants and there will be good opportunity to develop joint projects based on project ideas, which will have regional context.
- follow-up session at the next edition of the Black Sea NGO Forum – 2016, will be organized as to support the sustainability of the regional cooperation initiative, - 3 Joint projects proposals to be represent at the next Black Sea NGO Forum in November 2016.