



The Romanian National Festival of Non-Governmental Organisations 8 - 10 May 2015 | Bucharest



ONGFest is the most important outdoor event of the Romanian civil society.

It is organized within the **NGO Fund Programme in Romania**, with the support of the Municipality of Bucharest. The NGO Fund Programme in Romania is part of the assistance provided to Romania within EEA Grants 2009 – 2014. It is implemented by the leading consortium formed by the Civil Society Development Foundation (CSDF), the Foundation for Partnership (FP) and the Resource Centre for Roma Communities (CRRC).

NGOFest 2015 PROGRAMME

Friday, 8 May 2015 | INDOOR

Opening of the festival and day dedicated to the interaction between Romanian and foreign NGOs, as well as between NGOs and public authorities, business and other relevant stakeholders at the regional, national or European level. More than 150 participants from NGOs and mass media, public authorities, business or and other relevant stakeholders at the regional, national or European level.

9:00 – 13.30 – Opening

Venue: National Library of Romania (Biblioteca Națională a României - 22 Bulevardul Unirii, Sector 3)

09:00 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 11.40 Official opening of the event. Model communities in Europe

One of the elements on which the European governance model is based is the principle of subsidiarity, according to which decisions should be taken as closely as possible to the citizen. Communities are the best place where this principle works best. Civil society organizations are either embedded in communities, supporting cooperation and self-help, or they create new communities around common interests or values.

One of the best ways to evaluate the success of a civil society organization is to look at the way it manages to have a positive contribution to the communities where it operates. The session “Model Communities in Europe” aims to explore various civil society organizations’ experiences with working for and with communities in Central and Eastern European countries and in Norway.

12:00 – 13:30 Introduction to matchmaking session

FDSC aims to contribute to the exchange of experience and best practices between Romanian NGOs and NGOs from other countries of the European Economic Area, within the framework of the NGO Fund programme. This session will introduce foreign guests to the Romanian NGOs hosts, preparing the discussions and site visits in the afternoon.

13:30 – 18.00 – Matchmaking sessions

Representatives of organisations coming from abroad will be hosted for half a day by Romanian colleagues from organisations with similar profiles and interests. They will thus have the opportunity to learn from each other about their organisations, as well as the main successes and challenges faced in their work. **13 Romanian organisations** will receive groups of 3-4 foreign guests, introducing them to their stakeholders, facilitating site visits to their operational premises or sharing their good practices mutual relevant sectors.

Saturday, 9 May 2015 | OUTDOOR & INDOOR

*general programme with highlights for foreign participants

Open outdoor free festival that can be attended by ordinary citizens, NGOs, public authorities, business, media etc. The outdoor festival is promoted as an interesting and interactive way to spend free time, with its own events: street theatre, exhibitions, dance performances, concerts, practical workshops for children and adults, together with seminars and debates dedicated either to NGO representatives or to visitors.

Venue: [Herăstrău Park](#)

09:30 – 19:00 Exhibition area

- Participating NGOs will present their activities and projects to the visitors in a creative way in tents provided by the organizers
- The European tent: A special tent will be allocated to foreign NGOs, so as to promote their activities and projects and the culture of their country towards the Romanian NGOs and the visitors

10:00 – 20:00 Festival happenings area

- Activities such as the living library, photo corner, participative drawing, treasure hunt, face painting, photo exhibition, film corner and seminars, debates or workshops on anti hate speech-related topics will take place at various times during both days, targeting NGOs or the visitors

10:00 – 22:00 Stage performances area

- There will be various concerts, theatre plays, dance and improvisation performances run by participating NGOs or partners
- From 20:00, evening concert with Ikhaia Drum (<http://www.ikhayadrum.ro/>) and Andra (<http://www.andramusic.ro/en/>)
- Fireworks to celebrate Europe Day

Foreign participants highlights:

10:30 – 12:00 | OUTDOOR

- Decorate the European tent and discuss with visitors (foreign participants will share it and are invited to expose any kind of materials promoting their organisations/ projects/ NGO sector from their countries; Romanian participants will be informed about this tent and invited to visit it and initiate discussions with the foreign participants)
- Discussions with other participant NGOs and individual visitors

13.00 – 16.00 | INDOOR

Debate-conference on how to enhance citizens' participation to ensure a fair democratic process | INDOOR

Venue: Romanian Peasant Museum Club, Soseaua Kiseleff 3, Sector 1, Bucharest, Romania

16.30 – late at night

Foreign participants are encouraged to visit the tents of the other participant NGOs and network with Romanian NGOs and amongst themselves.

Sunday, 10 May 2015 | OUTDOOR

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Foreign participants programme:

- Discussions with visitors
- Saturday follow-up on the activities, meetings and contacts from the previous day - bilateral meetings etc.