



Federatia Organizatiilor Neguvernamentale pentru Dezvoltare din Romania

## Platform Information

# FOND

## The Romanian NGDO Platform



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### Secretariat staff, board and members

Full staff: 3 | Part time: 1 | Volunteers: 1  
7 board members | 46 members

### Annual budget of the platform: sources of financing and main expenses

For 2011 the total **budget** was approx. 140 000 EUR |

**Current sources:** Membership fees, MFA, EC (DEEEP Project), Representation of the EC in Romania (support for the Black Sea NGO Forum), World Vision Romania. | **Expenses:** Project activities (80%), Human resources (19%), Administrative costs (1%)

### Involvement in Development Cooperation/ Development Education projects

NGO Forums/Study Visits (Black Sea – Moldova, Georgia) | National Multi-stakeholder Group on Development Education | Romanian Development Camp | Applied as partner in the 2011 DEAR Call

### Working groups of the platform

DE | Policy/Advocacy | Humanitarian Aid

### Involvement in CONCORD working groups

AidWatch | Cotonou | EPAN | DARE Forum | HIV/AIDS

### Successes of last year

- In 2011 FOND organized the Romania- Moldova NGO Forum, The Romanian Development Camp and the Black Sea NGO Forum
- In May 2011, FOND Development Education Working Group initiated a National Multi-Stakeholder Group on Development Education, with support of the MFA and the Ministry of Education
- In June 2011, FOND became a full member of CONCORD
- In November 2011, a FOND representative attended the 4<sup>th</sup> High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness

### Main challenges

Financial sustainability | Members' involvement weakened by their financial sustainability | Weak policy/advocacy capacity | Ministry of Foreign Affairs staff turnover | Lack of interest from potential relevant actors: local authorities, private sector

### Strategic aim

The strategic priorities of FOND include: strengthening membership capacities, developing policy/advocacy component of the platform, fundraising, establishing a framework for partnership with the private sector and local authorities, being more active at European and regional level

### Main events planned for 2012

The Romanian Development Camp V | Trainings on development education (with TRIALOG Multipliers) | The Black Sea NGO Forum V | Awareness raising (Africa Day, 17<sup>th</sup> October)

### Relationship with the MFA and other donors

The platform is officially recognised as a consultative partner of the MFA with expertise in providing the NGDO perspective on Romanian development cooperation policy. The platform has been negotiating a partnership agreement with the MFA since June 2011, but negotiations stagnated due to staff changes in the ODA Unit. The financing framework with the MFA will continue to be managed in 2012 by UNDP Romania (trilateral agreement).