

**Call for Celebration:  
 Looking back on the achievements of the EU Presidency Project**  
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 Bucharest*

As the Romanian Presidency of the EU Council has come to an end, so has the National awareness raising campaign implemented by six of FOND's member organisations. On the 25<sup>th</sup> of July, civil society representatives, partners from public institutions and collaborators have gathered to celebrate the successful results of the EU Presidency project.

The event was a retrospection of events and activities that took place during the six-month Romanian Presidency and aimed at making the achievements of the project visible among members, partners and collaborators of FOND.

It started off with a few welcome words from Adela Rusu, Executive Director of FOND, where she underlined the importance of partnerships by thanking all those present for their support during not only this project but other projects too.



Ana-Maria Apopei, project coordinator, continued with a short presentation of the "Towards open, fair, sustainable Europe in the World – EU Presidency Project 2019-2021,, and the achievements and results FOND had while implementing the project in the context of the Romanian Presidency of the Council of EU. For 6 months implementation time, the outcomes of the project were impressive: 5 events organized in Brussels and Bucharest, one presentation before the members of CODEV and the 2030 Agenda EU Council Working Groups, 20 recommendations from the civil society for the decision makers, a networking event between CONCORD members and the members of the 2030 Agenda Working Group, 5 recommendations to future MEPs and to crown all these achievements, the Black Sea NGO Forum was recognized by the EU Council as being of major importance in EU regional cooperation.

*This project has meant a lot for FOND, but also for each of us. In just 6 months, we have strengthened our relationships with the Department for Sustainable Development and the Romanian Permanent Representation to the EU, to whom we thank with all of our heart for their trust and support. We were the ones who broke the ice with such a project at European level and we are really proud of our work”, said **Ana-Maria Apopei**, Project Coordinator FOND Romania*

Given that the event was about praising our achievements during the project, the floor went to the six member organizations that implemented small projects as part of a sub-granting mechanism, carried out by FOND between February – June 2019.

**New Horizons Foundation** implemented a project that increased the awareness of 673 IMPACT young people from IMPACT clubs administered by the organization and their contribution to Agenda 2030. For this, the club members implemented 30 service learning projects on SDG 6: Access to Clean Water and Hygiene, SDG 3: Health and Well-Being, with the support of club leaders and the involvement of members of their communities. They reached 9.644 beneficiaries in their communities.

Also, through this project the teaching competences of 73 teachers (leaders of clubs) were empowered in facilitating learning processes that contribute to active involvement of kids and youngsters in the 2030 Agenda, by developing two workshop designs on SDG 3 and SDG 6. The teachers implemented the workshops by using specific designs, and in this way kids learned in an experimental way about SDGs, and they developed and implemented Service Learning projects.

Over 50.000 people are more aware about 2030 Agenda, the role of youth, and the importance of individual efforts in achieving them. The National Campaign, implemented by youngsters reached offline 5.264 in their direct activities, and 43.101 people using social media channels.



The **SDG-Starter Pack** project implemented by the **Romanian Scouts Organization** aimed to create an educational framework that responds directly to the need of proactive and strategical intervention for the long term to create a sustainable society. Sustainability of the intervention is ensured by the activities carried out within the project: a network of 40 facilitators for sustainable development, a guide to support the development of any kind of educational activity from the perspective of sustainable development, information campaigns and the sharing of experiences. The outcomes of the project rounded up to over 2.000 direct beneficiaries and 4.500 indirect beneficiaries.

The goal of "**GenerAction**" project was to stimulate young people from 4 counties to better understand the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and to get involved in its implementation. There was an information caravan in 9 cities from the 4 counties, debates, podcasts, and video testimonials. In what regards the results of the project implemented by **The Civic Resource Centre**, 740 youngsters participated in the information sessions and the online impact reached 22.592 people.

**Progress Foundation** implemented **SDG Reporter School** a project that set out a journalism school for children from 4 counties of Romania (Sălaj, Gorj, Neamț și Vrancea), who wanted to become social media mavericks or journalists. Fifty children aged between 10 and 14 years, learned in 3 months to search, prepare and publish relevant content from their village in connection to SDGs and share it with their peers, thus learning what SDGs are and the importance for their generation. The kids had organized 18 local events in which 396 people attended, and they reached a total number of 194.211 people through 170 activities promoted on social media.

**Assistance and Programs for Sustainable Development – Agenda 21** implemented „**A public-private partnership for a sustainable, fair and open Europe**” a project which aimed at strengthening the European project for the benefit of EU citizens through partnerships between local authorities, civil society organizations and educational institutions and at involving at least 800 young people in the implementation of the SDGs. The project reached 2.387 direct beneficiaries and 9.172 indirect ones.



The **National Volunteer Week** is a yearly one-week campaign organized by **Pro Vobis organization** in Cluj - Napoca, a synchronized effort of over 100 local partners that celebrate and promote volunteering across Romania. The 2019 edition was dedicated to volunteering for the Global Goals with the intention of getting more people informed and involved. The NVW managed this year to empower 87 local organizations to create activities that promoted the 2030 Agenda, reaching in total over 10.300 participants.

In such a short amount of time the 6 organizations involved **over 132.986 young people** in activities, **informed 722.473 people** through social media channels. These results amount to a lot of dedication and active citizenship without which none of this could have been possible.

