



**Capacity Building Workshop
United Nations Informal NGO Regional Network (UN-NGO-IRENE)
in Eastern Europe
Bucharest, Romania: 29 May –1 June 2003**

DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday 29 May, 2003

8:30 – 10:00 Forum of Romanian NGOs in consultative status with ECOSOC and other interested Romanian NGOs
Introduction of participants and brainstorming on the Network

10:00 – 11:00 Forum of Romanian NGOs and other NGOs present
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11:00–12:30 **Opening Statements**

Welcome by Prof. Mircea Malitza, President
Black Sea University Foundation

Ms. Soknan Han Jung, UN Resident Coordinator
UNDP Resident Representative Romania – Introducing the designated
representative of the President of Romania

Designated representative for *H.E. Mr. Ion Iliescu*, President of Romania

H.E. Mr. Gert Rosenthal, President of ECOSOC

Mr. Patrizio Civili, Assistant Secretary-General, UNDESA

Mr. Paolo Garonna, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECE/GVA

Ministry of Foreign Affairs Representative – to be decided

Mr. Vasile Dancu, Minister of Public Information –To be confirmed

Ms. Renate Bloem, President, Conference of NGOs in consultative relationship with the United Nations (CONGO)

13:00 – 14:30 **LUNCH**

15:00 – 18:00 **First Session - UN Partnership with NGOs**

Ms. Mihaela Blajan, Chairperson NGO Committee
“NGO Committee interaction with Civil Society”

Mrs. Hanifa Mezoui, Chief NGO Section, UNDESA
“UN-NGO from Consultation to Partnership – Consultative status with ECOSOC for NGOs - Launching of UN-NGO-IRENE-Eastern Europe”

Mrs. Najet Karaborni, Senior Inter-Regional Advisor and Project Coordinator UN-NGO-IRENE / UNDESA
“UN- NGO-IRENE and Capacity Building of NGOs within the new Governance and NGOs”

Mr. Ricardo Espinosa, NGO Liaison Officer, UN Office at Geneva
“Liaison with NGOs in Eastern Europe – Database coordination, ECOSOC”

Questions and Answers/Discussions with NGO participants

19:30 Dinner offered by the Host Government of Romania
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, at the Diplomat Club

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9:30-10:30 **Second Session - Identification of priority action fields at the regional and sub-regional levels**

Mr. Ion Giurescu, President of the Economic and Social Council of Romania

Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, Information Officer NGO-Section
Department of Public Information (UN-DPI)
“Activities of DPI in the Eastern European Region”

Mrs. Marlene Parenzan, Vice President CONGO-Vienna
“Activities of CONGO in Eastern Europe “

Ms. Bruna Molina-Faidutti, Representative and Director WFUNA
“Activities of the World Federation of United Nations Associations
(WFUNA) in Eastern Europe”

Mr. Tudor Stefanescu, National Officer
Head of Inter-Agency Support Unit, UNDP Romania

- 10:30 – 10:45** Coffee Break
- 10: 45 – 13:00** ***Third Session - NGOs Presentation and Proposals to contribute to the capacity building of the Eastern Europe informal network, in line with Millennium Development Goals***
- Coalition of NGOs:*** Eastern Europe - 15 countries. (Groups to be named)
- Presentation and discussion of the Plan of Action for the Eastern Europe Informal NGO Network to be implemented by NGOs
- Questions and Answers/Discussions with NGO participants***
- 13:00-15:00** **LUNCH**
- 15:00-17:00** ***Fourth Session - NGOs, Partners and DESA***
- Adoption of the Plan of Action for the Eastern Europe Informal NGO Network to be implemented by NGOs
- 17:00–17:30** Coffee Break
- 17:30-18:30** ***Closing Session***
Recommendations of the meeting
Closing Remarks by **Mr. Patrizio Civili**, Assistant Secretary-General, DESA
- 19:00** Reception offered by the UN-DESA and Black Sea University Foundation

Saturday 31 May 2003

Study tour to Giurgiu, Romania: UNDP / National Centre for Sustainable Development Project "Local Agenda 21 Implementation in Romania"

Lunch offered by the NGO Host, Black Sea University Foundation

Return to Bucharest

Sunday 1 June 2003

Departure from Bucharest