

NGO Programme - Romania

EEA FINANCIAL MECHANISM

2009 - 2014

FUNDS FOR BILATERAL RELATIONS

November 2013

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

Increase cooperation among entities from Romania and respectively donor states*, ***improve knowledge and mutual understanding*** and ***share results***.

* Donor states: Norvegia, Islanda and Leichtenstein

FINANCIAL ALLOCATION AND MAIN DIRECTIONS

Financial Allocation - 500.000 Euro.

Measure a. Partnership building

- the search for partners for donor partnership projects prior to or during the preparation of a project application,
 - the development of such partnerships **and**
- and the preparation of an application for a donor partnership project

Measure b. Networking and exchange

networking, exchange, sharing and transfer of knowledge, technology, experience and best practice between Romanian project promoters and entities in donor states

PLANNED ACTIONS – Measure a. Partnership building

- *2 Calls for Proposals* for mobility projects to facilitate partnership building
 - Call for proposals no. 1 – launched in Aprilie 2013; overall amount spent - approx. **60,483 Euro**
 - Call for proposals no. 2 – to be launched early December 2013; financial allocation – approx. **68,926 Euro**

- *Match making seminar and thematic workshops*
 - First seminar and thematic workshops were organised as part of the NGO Fund launching conference, in April 2013
 - The current seminar (November 26-27, 2013)

PLANNED ACTIONS - Measure b. Networking and exchange

- **Call for proposals for participation in seminars, conferences and other events facilitating contact and exchange of experience** between Romanian entities and donor state entities - ongoing call 2014/2015, approx. **161,591 Euro**
- **Study visits** organised by the Program Operator (2014/2015). Tentative themes:
 - social inclusion issues and social services provision model;
 - education/children and youth;
 - environment protection
- **Seminars and workshops** for partnership projects to summarize the experience and lessons learned and discuss future perspectives, organized by the Program Operator

MAIN OUTCOMES OF THE ACTIONS

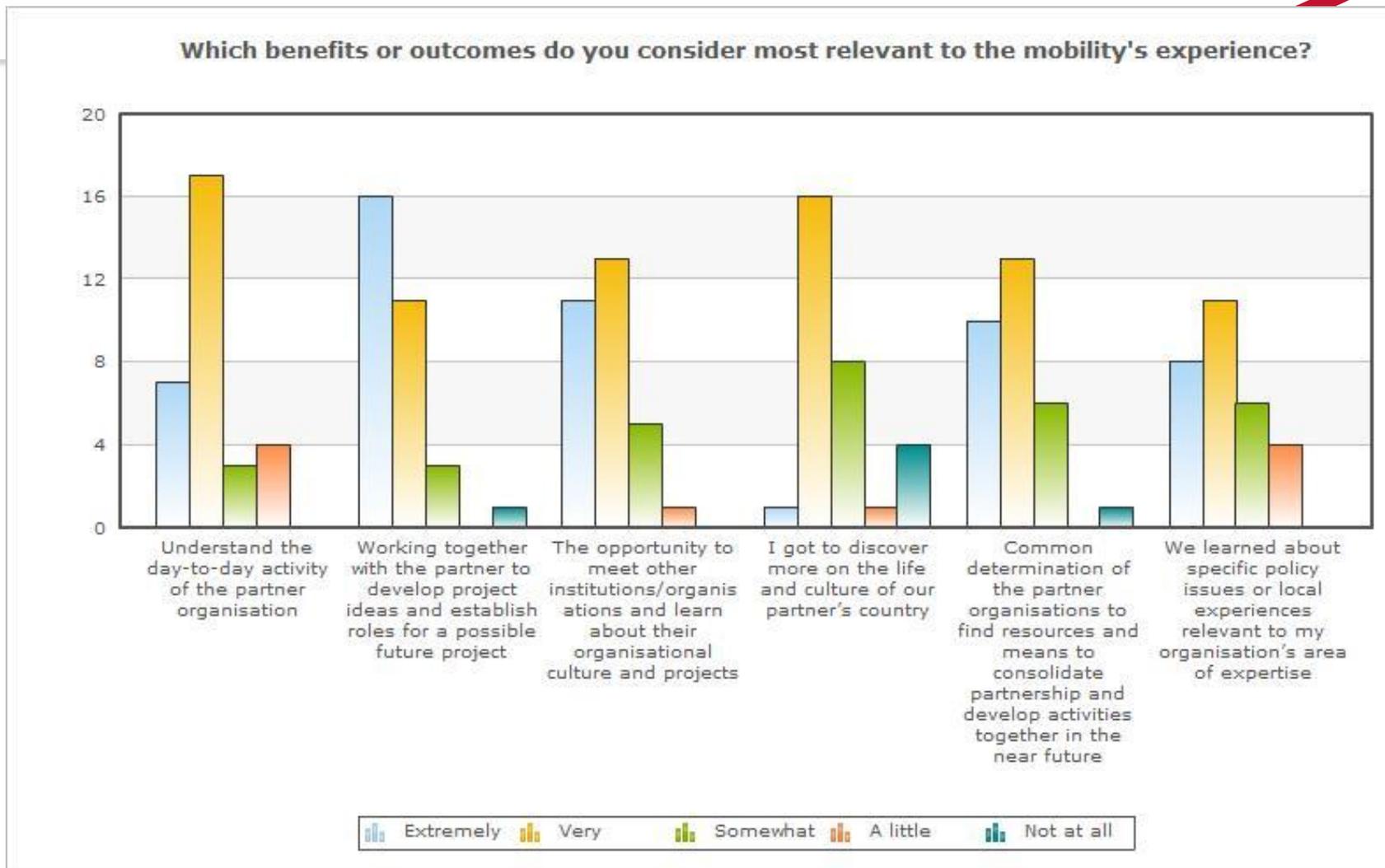
Strengthened bilateral relations

- *Cooperation*
- *Joint results*
- *Increased mutual knowledge and understanding between donor and beneficiary states as a function of the EEA and Norway Grants*

Call for proposals no. 1/2013 – few figures

- **25 mobility projects** financed
- **52 persons** directly involved in mobilities
- **At least 30 proposals** developed in partnership between Romanian NGOs and partners from donor countries have been submitted for financing within Round 1 of NGO Fund
- Other benefits:
 - Establishing trust
 - Cultural benefits
 - Information on specific methods and tools relevant to the activity field of the mobility beneficiary
 - Relevant information on specific fields (roma, children with special needs, forests management, corruption and organised crime and media involvement, combating sexual violence, etc)

Feedback collected from participants to mobility projects



Call for Proposals no. 2/2013 – Preliminary info

- **Estimate launching:** early December 2013
- **Financial allocation:** approx. **68,926 Euro**
- **Eligible expenditures:** travel and subsistence costs incurred by the applicant and/or partner involved in the exchange activities
- **Duration of the mobility project:** up to 2 month
- **Activități eligibile (to be implemented either in Romania or in donor states):**
 - *Development of the bilateral partnership* by supporting the work together and sharing of common knowledge, interest and expertise on specific project ideas between a Romanian NGO and a partner from a donor country
 - *Identification of additional partners for developing donor partnership projects* by attending different meetings, conferences, study trips, visits, events organised by (potential) partners from donor

The Call is meant to finance exchange activities in order to prepare the submission of an application for a project under the second Call for proposals of each of the NGO Fund Components (foreseen launching date is end of March 2014).

Call for proposals no. 2/2013 – Tentative timeline

	Dec 2013	Jan 2014	Feb 2014	March 2014	April 2014	May 2014
Launching of the CfP no. 2 (seed money)	X					
Support for partners' identification	X	X	X			
Deadline for mobility proposals submission			X			
Evaluation and contracting of mobility projects			X	X		
Implementation of Mobility projects				X	X	X
Launch of the Calls for Proposals – Round 2 of the NGO Fund				X		

ADDITIONAL INFO

- <http://fondong.fdsc.ro> - Bilateral Relations section

- Help-desk to facilitate identification of partners

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- NGO Partnership Portal:

<http://partners.ngonorway.org/search.php>