

NATIONAL PARTICIPATION DAY

“Navigation or Floating Downstream”

17.03.2016 and 18.03.2016

Place: Ramada Hotel, Sofia, Bulgaria

Participants: About 90 representatives of BG NGOs and DSCF members

Main topic: „The Change around Us Starts with Changing Ourselves”

17.03.2016, Thursday

Hour	Topic
10.30 – 11.00	<i>Registration of the participants</i>
11.00 – 13.00	Official opening Session 1: THE CHANGE AROUND US Stories and thoughts related to the change in the environment: - Introduction by Iva Taralezhkova, Board Chair of Citizen Participation Forum - Navigating along the Danube – Stefan Luetgenau, president - The change that has/ has not happened – stories told by public figures General Discussion: What has been changed in the environment in Bulgaria and along the Danube? What else should be changed? Summary and conclusions
13.00 – 14.30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14.30 – 16.00	Session 2: THE CHANGE WE WORK FOR Success stories and lessons learnt by citizen organizations and public bodies. Campaigns, mechanisms, and initiatives that foster, inspire, and produce results - presentations of civil society activists and representatives of civic organizations - Daniela Urschitz – PA 10 of EUSDR Partnership mechanisms and challenges - Daniela Bozhinova – BAFCl, Burgas – Towards more direct democracy - Elenko Elenkov – Runner Club – Running for change - Emi Lischkova – AGORA Platform – The Change in the small communities - Ashod Derandonyan – “Listen Up” – Changing the awareness of the different people Working groups discussion: "What do we change and what approaches do we use" Presentation of results and summary
16.00 – 16.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.30 – 18.00	Session 3: How do we change the environment? With whom do we work? Discussion around common ideas and initiatives Summary of the day
19.30	Viennese Ball and Dinner – Rubin Hall, Ramada Hotel

18.03.2016, Friday

Hour	Topic
9.30 – 11.00	Citizen Dialogues – verbal “duels” between politicians and representatives of civic organizations on the Citizen Participation Index recommendations 2015 (In Bulgarian)
11.00 – 11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30 – 13.00	CPF General Assembly (CPF members only)