

ANNA LINDH NATIONAL NETWORK STATUTES ROMANIAN NETWORK

The following by-laws were approved on 2010 and updated on February, 2023

1. General provisions

Art. 1: Black Sea University Foundation is a Romanian legal person, incorporated on the basis of Law no. 21/1924, Decree no. 31/1954 which functions according to G.O no. 26/2000 regulating the legal regimen of associations and foundations, non political and without lucrative purpose.

Art.2: Black Sea University Foundation (subsequently referred to as BSUF) is a Romanian legal person, non political, non governmental and having no lucrative purpose.

Art.3: BSUF conducts its activities according to in force laws.

Art.4: BSUF has become Romanian Network Coordinator for Anna Lindh Foundation (hereinafter referred to ALF) on 2007, nominated by the Ministry of Foreign Affaires.

Art.5 The Head of the national network share with the Executive Director the responsibility for the development of activities contributing to the implementation of the programmatic framework approved by the Board of Governors constituted, in the initial three years period, by the EuroMed Committee representing 41 Ministries of Foreign Affairs.

Art.6: Romanian National Network is independent and autonomous.

Art.7: Romanian National Network is a permanent structure acting in the frame of the Euro Mediterranean Partnership.

2. National Network's Mission

Art.8: The National Network promotes the objectives of Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, at both national and international level

Art. 9: The National Network shall help define Anna Lindh Foundation, promoting its priorities and programs, sharing the same prospective as ALF Secretariat.

Art.10: The National Network contributes identifying and implementing ALF activities on national and a regional level as well as disseminating knowledge and information.

3. Roles and responsibilities for the Network Coordinator

Art. 11: Within the legal frame defined by the relevant Romanian authorities, the Network Coordinator:

1. Acts as a coordinator for the network activities in Romania.

2. Is the official representative of the Anna Lindh Foundation in Romania.
3. Promotes the foundation's image as a Euro-Mediterranean institution established to improve cultural, social and human dimensions of the Regional Euro-Mediterranean Partnership.
4. Identifies potential members at the level of the civil society. The coordinator shall encourage and support national partners from other networks or regional organizations in their applications to become ALF members.
5. Takes part both in developing ALF strategies and Two and Three Year Programs. For this, the coordinator's priority shall be carrying out the specifications of the Three Year Program, as well as accomplishing the interests of the National Network.
6. Supports and supervises the development of the National Network. 7. Writes the report on National Network's activities for publication in The Anna Lindh Foundation Annual Report.
8. Carries out specific public relations activities, such as writes material for spreading information and helps translate ALF internet page in his/hers mother tongue. 9. Informs National Network's members on calls for proposals, events, procedures and ways of applying them.
10. Facilitates acquiring partners for the national network according to the "2+2" rule 11. Assists members of the national network or other international partners in the management of ongoing projects.
12. Supervises requests for finance of the national network.
13. Makes recommendations regarding on initiatives conducted in their own country before becoming a member of the national ALF network (counseling).
14. Contribute to the annual statutory report by the ALF Executive Director on ALF network of networks development and related activities.
15. Attends Network Coordinators Annual Meetings. Prior to this, National Network Coordinator must organize a meeting with the network's members or ensure other ways of consulting on a national level.
16. Permanently coordinate their activities with ALF headquarters.

4. National Network Membership

Art. 12 The Network is open to all institutions, organizations and other partners who adhere to the principles and the mission of the Anna Lindh Foundation and which work on the basis of democratic, pluralistic, and multilateral values; first and foremost, Networks represent civil societies of their respective countries.

Art. 13 The members of the National Network could belong, as a rule, to the following categories: Individual members; NGOs; Public institutions, including local and regional authorities; public and private "not for profit" Foundations; other "for profit" partners promoting "not for profit" activities and corporate social responsibility policies;

Art. 14 The members of the National Network can come from the following fields of the civil society: International/Cultural relations, Heritage, Religion, University and research institutes, Human Rights, Democracy and Community Development, Arts, Youth, Education, Gender, Environment/Sustainable Development, Media, Climate Change.

Art. 15 Head of Network retain the right of rejection of membership applications as well as of exclusion of existing members, when the concerned organizations do not comply with the mission of the Anna Lindh Foundation, eventually after consulting the Network.

Art. 16 Head of Network is entitled to provisionally limit the maximal size of the Network in order to consolidate it and improve its performance.

Art. 17 In the spirit of building on the *acquis* of the Barcelona Process, national partners of relevant Euro-Mediterranean Partnership programmes by the European Commission as well as by other international organizations operating in the region are invited to participate or interact with the relevant National Network.

Art. 18 National partners of other regional networks, whose activities are relevant to the Foundation mission, are invited to consider membership in the National Networks of the Foundation.

5. Calls for Proposals

A. Calls for Proposals Restricted to the National Networks

Art. 20 Calls for proposals restricted to the national networks will be rotating, that means they will cover a period up to twelve months with several deadlines. This implies that proposals received by the Foundation after one given deadline will be automatically put off to the next.

Art. 21 The main requirement for presenting projects will be the formula "2+2", which implies the involvement of at least two partners from the EU countries, of which at least one is member of an ALF national network, and two partners from the Mediterranean partner countries, of which again at least one is member of a national network.

Art. 22 The proposal of more than 2+2 partners will be considered an asset. National partners or members of regional networks/organizations will be able to participate as project leaders to the restricted call for proposals only if they become members of the ALF national networks.

Art. 23 As a rule, the financial support to the activities shall be up to a maximum of 50% of eligible costs, preferably less. Since the rules established by the contract with the European Commission allow flexibility between 10 and 90 % of co-financing, exceptions from the rule will be defined for specific types of partners (such as schools).

Art. 24 Project partners from other countries of the Euro-Mediterranean Region, which are not full members of the Euro-Med Partnership yet, **will not** be entitled to ALF financial support. The project leader shall have to look for other forms of support for them. Derogations to this rule on nationality may be made exceptionally. Decisions shall be taken in this regard by the EC, before the procedure is launched.

B. Open Calls for Proposals

Art. 25 Open calls for proposals will be addressed to support activities of actors who do not belong to the ALF networks. This tool **will not** be used in the first three years of activities for

two main reasons.

- Reason number one is that ALF is a network of networks: therefore, in its first operational steps ALF will need to concentrate on the establishment and strengthening of its networks.
- Reason number two relates to the limited availability of human and financial resources as compared to the broad spectrum of interventions and the number of Networks associated to the ALF.

Art. 26 An internal evaluation committee will be nominated by the ALF Executive Director, and it will be composed by the Foundation's international staff and, if necessary, external consultants. The Executive Director of the Foundation may appoint two Advisory Committee members to participate in the work of the internal evaluation committee as assessors for the technical assessment of the grant applications. Assessors do not have voting power, but they can make recommendations to the official evaluators.

Art. 27 As far as the participation of networks in calls for proposal is concerned, the Foundation shall prepare lists of the national network members that can participate in the Calls of Proposals and that can act as Project Leaders. The list will be updated on a monthly basis.

6. Project Leaders and Partners

Art. 28 In the framework of the calls for project proposals, the partners of the Foundation may be divided into project leaders and partners:

- Leaders are those leading the project and bearing the full financial and operational responsibility of the project. As a rule, a partner should not be simultaneously leader of more than two projects co-financed by the ALF;
- Partners are those who take part in the activities of a project and can benefit from the ALF contribution under the supervision and responsibility of the project leader.

Art. 29 Only the members of the 41 national networks, including the Heads, can be leaders of the project. Partners can be both members and non-members of the 41 national networks.

7. The usage of the BSUF premises

Art. 30 BSUF makes its premises available for the meetings of the ALF members or for other ALF activities and members have access to the BSUF's materials/library. The access depends on a pre-defined schedule in case there is not a permanent service to such an end.

8. Final provisions

Art. 31 The current rules are binding to all members of the National Network. Art. 32 The current rules can be modified and amended following a proposal by the network's members or HoN. Modifications and amendments that are operated on the current regulations must be approved by the Anna Lindh Foundation.