



BLACK SEA UNIVERSITIES NETWORK
INTERNATIONAL PERMANENT SECRETARIAT
Address: 124, Mamaia Avenue, 900527 Constanta, ROMANIA
Phone / Fax: +40 241 614 983
Mobile: +40 748 142 615
E-mail: bsun@univ-ovidius.ro
Web: <http://www.bsun.org>

Press Release

On May 1st, 2013, Prof. Eden Mamut, BSUN Secretary General, participated to the *Forum of the Civil Society* from the Black Sea Region, organized in Ankara, Turkey.

The Forum occasioned the reunion of the representatives of different nongovernmental organizations from Azerbaijan, Albania, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine. Also, at the works of the Forum participated representatives of agencies and governmental organizations with responsibilities related to the cooperation and support of the civil society activities.

The discussions and debates were related to subjects of common interest, to the possibilities for cooperation, to the exchanges of good practices and organizational aspects.

In his speech, Prof. Mamut talked about the values of the civil society centered on solidarity, volunteering and activism, which often cannot be included in the structure of the study programs curricula. From this perspective, the cooperation between the universities and the civil society can offer to the students' new opportunities to assert, to form characters and to be actively involved in the society. In the same time, Prof. Mamut underlined the huge potential of competences that exist within the universities and expressed the availability of BSUN to develop a series of projects with the organizations of the civil society, consisting in training activities, studies on different themes of common interest or activities for raising the awareness, with the involvement of students and professors.

With the occasion of the participation to the Forum, Prof. Mamut had a series of meetings with politicians and state officials.

At the meeting with Mr. Cemil Cicek, President of the Parliament from the Republic of Turkey, Prof. Mamut presented the cooperation that BSUN has with the Turkish Delegation to PABSEC, led by Dr. Ismail Safi, and expressed his gratitude for the support that the political community from Turkey is granting to the nongovernmental organizations. Also, it was mentioned the importance to establish the Civil Society Academy, to which BSUN can have an important contribution through the development of projects and activities of regional interest.

At the meeting with Deputy Prime Minister Mr. Bulent Arinc, it was brought to the discussion the cooperation between BSUN and BSEC as well as the visits that Mr. Arinc had to Romania.

At the meeting with Mr. Deputy Prime Minister Bekir Bozdog were discussed the aspects related to the project for the youth center that BSUN is developing in cooperation with the United Nations Organization, in Simferopol, Ukraine. The Government of the Republic of Turkey will ensure funds for this investment.

Following the debates within the event, BSUN shall organize in July, 2013, in Bucharest, a workshop on the impact and opportunities offered by the information technologies and communication over the structuring of the civil society.