

**EU INTEGRATION & COMMON SECURITY: MAKING IT HAPPEN** The 6th annual meeting of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum 20-21 November 2014, Batumi, Georgia

## Resolution: Expanding membership of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum

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The CSF assembly calls on National Platforms and Working groups to expand the participation of local non-governmental organizations through membership campaigns which would bring new organisations into the Platforms and Working groups and reach out to organizations which were once active but which have ceased to participate in the CSF over the years.

The assembly also calls on the National Platform and Working Group leaderships to ensure that only genuinely independent non-governmental organizations participate in their platforms. This is an issue which has become very important as non independent NGOs (GONGOs) have made distressing inroads into the platforms of some member countries.

As the CSF enters a new phase in the development of the Eastern Partnership, the time has come for a renewal and strengthening of the membership of the CSF. And while retaining their capacity to monitor and analyze the situation in their countries and in the partnership region, platforms and working groups must develop their ability to advocate and campaign for desired outcomes.

The assembly mandates the Steering Committee to monitor the process of renewal and expansion in the national platforms and to present a preliminary report on how platforms have managed to develop on March 31 2015.