

“Development Cooperation Days” Romanian Development Camp, 8th edition



The Romanian Development Camp 2015 – entitled “Development Cooperation Days” was a public event organised by the **Romanian NGDO Platform – FOND** in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the United Nations Development Programme – Regional Centre for Europe and Central Asia. This

edition took place between 8th – 10th of July in Bucharest in the context of the **European Year for Development 2015**. Having the unique opportunity to bring the public closer to development issues, the event’s main purpose was to raise awareness on Romania’s role as an international donor and inspire Romanian institutions, organisations and individuals to become more involved in the global efforts of eradicating poverty in the world.

Reaching its 8th edition, the Romanian Development Camp has become a traditional annual event, which reunites representatives from NGOs, government, academia and mass-media within a unique space dedicated to fostering an open and constructive dialogue on topics relevant for the field of international development cooperation.



This year’s edition was different from all the others, being

an interactive and open event which combined plenary sessions and thematic workshops with side-events such as a movie projection and debate, photo exhibition, theatre forum and a projects' fair. Throughout these activities, the audience had the chance to better understand how aid works and how they can become more involved in development efforts. Also the projects' fair offered visibility to development projects and activities with focus on results and provided the tools to better communicate development projects and results.

Moreover, the 2015 edition of the Romanian Development Camp enjoyed the presence of some of the most relevant speakers in the development cooperation field. The key note speaker was **Mr. Simon Maxwell**, an expert with a career in international development of over 40 years, currently Senior Research Associate at the **Overseas Development Institute** (UK's leading independent think-tank on international development and humanitarian issues) who talked about the complexity of the field of international development, the achievements reached so far and the challenges we are facing in the context of a new post-2015 development agenda.

"An excellent event and a productive partnership between civil society and the Government of Romania, demonstrating the country's commitment to sustainable development in all its aspects, and Romania's leadership at regional level. There is a lot to do if we are to secure a safe, prosperous and sustainable world by 2030. Romania's engagement, on its own account and within the EU will be essential."

The audience also engaged in fruitful discussions with: **Ms. Carmen Burlacu** – State Secretary for Global Affairs, Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, **Mr. Geert Laporte** – Deputy Director, European Centre for Development Policy Management (ECDPM), **Ms. Deirdre de Burca** – Member of the EU Beyond 2015 Campaign Steering Group, **Ms. Amalia Garcia-Tharn** – Policy Officer, Policy and Coherence Unit, Directorate – General for Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid, **Ms. Ebba Dohlman** –

Senior Adviser, Office of the Secretary-General, Policy Coherence for Development Unit and many other representatives of national/European institutions and organizations (NGOs, think-tanks).

The plenary sessions were bolstered up by the **thematic workshops**, focused on more specific subjects such as: Promoting development through social media, Young people in international development, The role of academics, Migration and Development, Financing Development: The role of Multilateral Development Banks, Child Protection, Gender & Development, Humanitarian Assistance.

Nevertheless, one of the most interesting and engaging parts of the Romanian Development Camp were the side-events. Below you can have a quick peek of the most exiting moments during the event.

Living Library: Getting to Know Migrants' Experiences in Romania



Projects' Fair: Development Cooperation Initiatives and Projects



Forum-Theatre: From Spectator to Actor – Disaster Risk Reduction



Food Workshop: Traditional International Cuisine, Dance and Music



For more details regarding the Romanian Development Camp 8th edition – “Development Cooperation Days” we invite you to visit fondromania.org and [FOND FB page](#).

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