



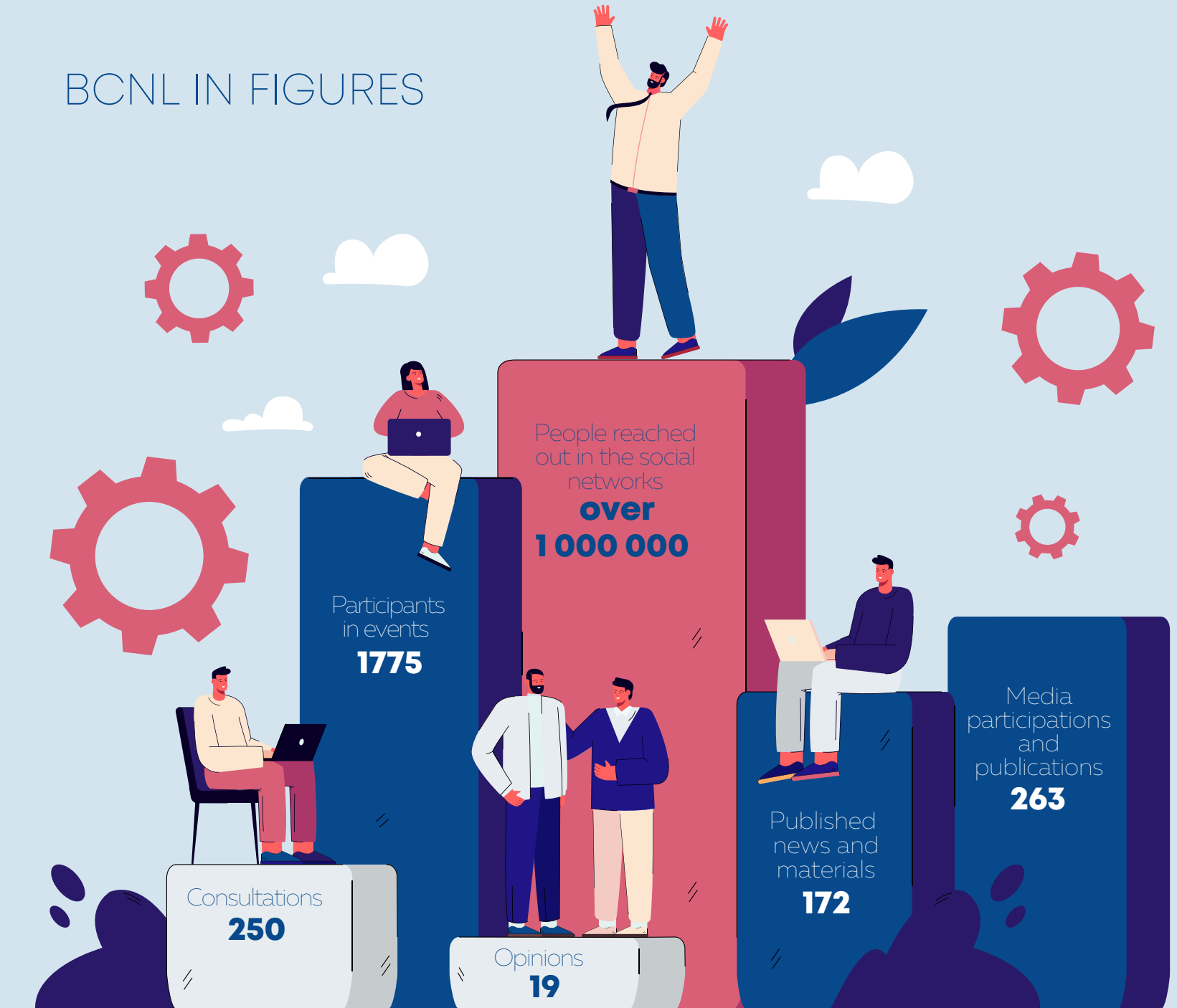
20 YEARS

 **BCNL**



ANNUAL REPORT 2021

# BCNL IN FIGURES



# WHOM SHALL WE MEET IN THE UPCOMING 10 YEARS?

## 2021 – The year of Hope

Looking back on the year 2021, the first word we would probably think of is... *optimism* – the vaccines became accessible, and this gave us hope that we will overcome the disease, that we will once again be able to freely move and see each other. This hope did not last very long, and our good mood was additionally darkened by the local context – we experienced a political crisis, three National Assemblies, a few governments, an institutional crisis which put the ministerial teams in a state of stupor due to the frequent rotation of political cabinets. All this has negatively affected the possibility for a clear and upgrading dialogue, and, in particular, the successful advancement of specific topics relevant to the development of the civic sector. While the legal framework for civil society organizations has not deteriorated, it has not improved, either.

The year 2021 was, however, particularly important for us – we had our 20th anniversary! That was an occasion to look back, to think about our success stories, what we can do better, and the way forward. Yes, we are proud of all our



achievements, we continue to be inspired and excited for achieving even more. We grabbed the opportunity to also focus and look, as far as possible, into the future. What do we see? Looming new threats, climate change, which will unleash economic and social crises, political turbulence with new dimensions, an even closer encounter of man with artificial intelligence, which will have an unclear outcome – who will have the upper hand and rule... We will most probably experience all this within a short time frame and in an environment of rapid changes. This will exert pressure on the exercise of civil rights and freedoms, environmental organizations will suffer more severe attacks, social services will be overburdened with issues to address, cultural differences will be a challenge, etc. The best we can do is seek bolder solutions, mobilization and motivation for change, and further enrich and broaden our values. We are *Prepared for the new 10!*

Nadya Shabani, *Director BCNL*

# BCNL at the age of 20

“Our sincere thanks for the time and efforts you have put into helping all the colleagues who are confronted with the cumbersome administration; We wish you success and, above all, patience, so that we, the associations, can breathe a bit more freely”;

And specifically:  
»»» We have succeeded in influencing the changes made in

**over 20 laws**

and other legislative acts and strategic documents relevant to civil society organizations;

»»» We have provided consultations to over **5,700 citizens** and organizations and have trained over **1,000 organizations;**

»»» We have made more than **100 analyses** and drafted proposals for changes;

»»» Our trainings cover a broad variety of topics with a strong practical **focus:** *requirements for the registration and re-registration of non-profit legal entities; taxation; advocacy; fund-raising; generating and managing mission-related economic activities; personal data protection; implementing the requirements applicable to obliged entities under Measures against Money Laundering Act and Measures against the Financing of Terrorism Act; contracting social services; public-private partnerships; communication and working with the media; writing opinions; organizing pilot programs; protection of children's rights, the rights of persons with disabilities...;*

“The very fact that we have been sustainable for so many years, that many Bulgarian NGOs know about the existence of the Center for Not-for-Profit Law which they can approach for help and clarifications on complicated legal matters is in itself a token of democracy!”...

»» We are proud of the  
**more than  
77 organizations**  
with **382 420 BGN;**

»» Гopгeem ce c  
**NGO portal, the  
House of NGOs,  
Gift Market, Civil  
Alarm Clock, Born  
Ready....,**

and all the other projects that have changed the environment in which we operate and have enabled us to be more visible, united and active;

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на гражданските  
организации

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»» Entrepreneurship for not-for-profit organizations

was once again one of our most successful training programs, with more than

**10 editions**

yet and over 180  
CSOs receiving over

**1,500 hours  
of training.**

# HOW DID THE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH NGOs OPERATE CHANGE IN 2021

2021 was dynamic in terms of the political crisis – voting in elections for 3 National Assemblies in one year was a unique experience. This political turbulence resulted in an institutional crisis, as many important issues for the development of the environment for civil society organizations (or for their activities) were in a stalemate. In spite of the repeated requests for ensuring that the sessions of the associations' general assemblies are held online, a durable solution was not found. No progress was made on topics such as the Council for the Development of the Civil Society, the Civil Initiative Fund, the child justice reform, etc.

## Nevertheless:

»» We were actively involved in the efforts to enhance the mechanisms for citizen participation in the legislative process: in April, the 45th National Assembly made some amendments to the Regulation on its organization and activity, and introduced the requirement for the draft laws submitted by MPs to go through a mandatory process of public consultations. **The Regulation** approved by the 46th National Assembly later in the year did not introduce this important change. Regrettably, neither did **The Regulation** ap-

proved by the 47th National Assembly in December include a requirement for public consultations on the draft laws submitted by MPs. Nonetheless, the other main mechanisms for interacting with the civil society and ensuring citizen participation (such as the Committee on Direct Participation of Citizens and Interaction with Civil Society and the Public Council thereto) are still operational;



## МОДЕРНО Е ДА УЧАСТВАШ

Вече 20 години БЦНП защитава гражданското ни право да се сдружаваме, за да постигаме общи цели и да се обединяваме около значими каузи.



# CONDUCTING GENERAL ASSEMBLY ONLINE: IMPORTANT SUGGESTED CHANGES IN THE LAW ON NON-PROFIT LEGAL ENTITIES



We were also active under the **Open Government Partnership initiative**; was at the end of the year (15.11.2021) that the transitional composition of the Coordination Council was convened. The Council members were representatives of government institutions and civil society organizations that had proposed measures for the Fourth National Action Plan within the framework of the international initiative. The final session of the Council held on 9 December 2021 approved, out of the total of 38 measures proposed, 18 measures to be included in the Fourth National Plan, and these were published for the purpose of **public consultations**. The measures fall into the four thematic areas of the Plan: citizen participation; transparency and access to information; governance integrity and anti-corruption; and open data;



A development that was not optimistic was the lack of progress on the topic related to the Council for Civil Society Development and the updating of the Strategy for the Development of Civil Society Organizations. Thus, the organization missed out on taking an active part in tackling the most topical issues on the government agenda. Regrettably, civil society organizations were not included in one of the most important documents for reforms in Bulgaria, either: the Plan for Recovery and Resilience which is expected to address, via EU funding, many challenges in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic;



A priority area for us was strengthening the capacity of CSOs in applying the legislation for measures against money-laundering and terrorism financing. We have achieved an important agreement with the responsible government institutions: **more communication means more efficiency**. In June, RUSI Europe, with the participation of experts from Greenacre Group, and in partnership with the Financial Intelligence Directorate of SANS and the Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law organized a workshop with NGOs, state institutions and banks. This was an important meeting which was a forum to discuss the application of the new legislation on that topic, as well as how the organizations themselves can be involved in the sectoral assessment process for NPLEs.





## »»» “So that we don’t inquire only via Google...”

*We published 5 interviews on the NGO Portal within the framework of our dialogue with experts on topical issues for the civil sector. We addressed matters such as misinformation; e-governance; child-friendly justice; how we can have successful partnerships with the state; and what civil society we need. Under For the Citizens and Their Organizations Project we published over 50 materials with information on public consultations, 9 legal opinions, and we updated the content in the Q & A section with answers regarding the legal framework for NGOs.*

In search for answers to complicated questions such as **How can we ensure equal treatment for all and are our rights in the digital environment protected?** and **How will digital tools be regulated and what standards will they comply with, when they are managed by means of artificial intelligence?**, we initiated a series of materials and online workshops **Digital Democracy**. We produced 6 online materials, and conducted a workshop on the topic: **What should the standards for internet regulation be**, in partnership with BESCO – a Bulgarian start-up association, and Applied Research and Communications Foundation. With a view to an active dialogue, we defended, in the most open and direct way possible, the inclusion of such a measure in Bulgaria’s Fourth Action Plan within the framework of the **Open Government Partnership** initiative.

## “ENTRANCE for Citizens”

Together with the Citizen Participation Forum, we continued to assist 7 municipalities and local organizations with improving public consultations at the local level. As a result of this, the municipalities of Karlovo, Kardjali, Lovech and Targovishte adopted special ordinances for the process of public consultations and developed some practices for the use of digital tools, including for the purpose of public consultations with citizens.



# PROTECTION OF RIGHTS

In terms of our struggle to ensure the protection of rights, we continued to develop innovative pilot models for the participation of persons with disabilities or children in legal proceedings. What makes us feel really proud is the mobilization via campaigns for achieving comprehensive and meaningful protection of human rights. The campaigns we organized have revealed that thousands of people in Bulgaria are BORN READY to be active citizens.



## »» BORN READY – the campaign for the revocation of guardianship in Bulgaria continued in full swing in 2021

Over **5,000 persons** supported the online petition and hundreds of signatures were gathered during the **2021 Ability Days**. In **17 cities** and towns across the country, parents, persons with intellectual disabilities, professionals working with them, local activists, media and volunteers took part in the outdoor events and the inline campaign. Due to the absence of a stable National Assembly, the demand for the revocation of guardianship continued to be an open issue ([www.bornready.me](http://www.bornready.me)) and with no response from the institutions



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## »»» Civil Alarm Clock

And once again did we awaken the rights through art! The fourth edition of the **Civil Alarm Clock** competition challenged young artists for a creative insight into the digital manifestation of our civil rights. **90 authors with over 730 socially** committed illustrations, photographs, texts took part in the competition. In addition to the professional jury, the public was also involved in the evaluation, and it nominated 3 favorite contenders as a result of an online vote.

The first ever **Civil Alarm Clock Festival** held on the summer stage in the Borissov park in Sofia gathered big and small individuals with creative ardor and wakefulness who rushed into the rhythm of civil association. We awarded **17 gifted authors**, and **11 of them** received cash awards.

“I know that words and pictures can change the world, and I strongly believe that they should remind of compassion, humanity and the courage to express yourself”  
– [Gergana Kurukyuvlieva](#), award winner in the category “Photography” for the photo series “Protest and Other Nouns”.

In partnership with **Muzeiko museum**, we organized a civil education game. Tens of children and the adults accompanying them were engulfed in the adventure to explore their rights while having fun at various locations in Sofia and Plovdiv.

A major event for exchanging practices and ideas on topics related to the child justice reform was the **International Conference Can justice be child-friendly?** which took place on 30 June – 2 July 2021; it was organized by the Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law, Va-

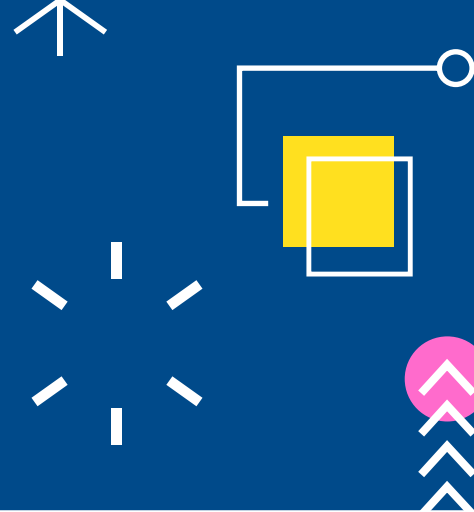
lidity Foundation, PRISM Impresa Sociale s.r.l. (Italy), and the Center for Legal Resources (Romania), in partnership with Union of Judges in Bulgaria, UNICEF Bulgaria, the National Network of Children, and Megaphone network. The first two days of the conference were held online, while the sessions on 2 July were held live in Sofia, with the option of online involvement. The main issues addressed in the course of the conference were: *Can we ensure that Europe applies in judicial procedures affecting children an approach that can be both inclusive, child-friendly and with the participation of the children themselves? What are the barriers and the prejudices which hinder our progress in achieving this?*

The three-day conference registered over 160 participants from all over the world, and the individual sessions were attended by representatives of the UN, the European Commission, the EU Fundamental Rights Agency, non-governmental organizations, lawyers, and researchers from the academia. Official guests of the event in Sofia were the Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria, Diana Kovacheva, and the Deputy Minister of Justice, Maria Pavlova.



## »» Activists in action

Our most successful activity was looking for, committing to and telling the stories of Bulgarian activists: inspiring examples of how, instead of resigning yourself to problems, you seek a solution which will help others. The most exciting part of this experimental practicing of civil education was that we met many young people who had an unwavering wish to help and volunteer so that we all can live a better life.



## »» Subjects of activity – learning by doing

One of our goals is helping civil society organizations to tell their success stories, and thus inspire ever more people. Together with our partners from Fine Arts, we organized the **Subject of Activ-**

**ity campaign** in a second consecutive year. We dedicated it to **our 20th anniversary**. 40 leaders from CSOs working in a variety of areas posed in front of the camera holding an object which

was the symbol of their success story in the fight for social justice. We told their stories via the social media and an outdoor exhibition in Sofia, **reaching out to over 75,000 people**.



## »» Civil hubs in universities: triggering civil energy in support of civil society organizations

The year 2021 marked the end of our initiative aimed at the encounter of young people with CSOs and arousing the spirit of civil activism. We facilitated the direct interaction among 165 students and 61 civil society organizations (in over 50 live and online meetings) by means of joint activities and involvement of students in the organizations' work. These young people drew up 80 specific proposals for improving 7 major civic topics: **promotion of volunteering; environmental protection; improvement of citizen participation; civic education; sustainability of funding for CSOs; efficiency of protests and rallies; security of our rights in the context of the evolving digital democracy**. In addition to our direct youth audience, we also educated an even larger audience on who civil society organizations are and what they do – through our work with our project partners Off Media and Segra newspaper, and via the social media.

## »» Civic Hitchhiker Club

The Civic Hitchhiker's Club is a new initiative of ours which creates a space for online and live discussions, with the participation of civic activists and young people. The open nature of the Club allows students to set topics, invite various civic activists, mix representatives of various sectors, and thus ensure that the discussions reflect the various viewpoints of everybody who recognize



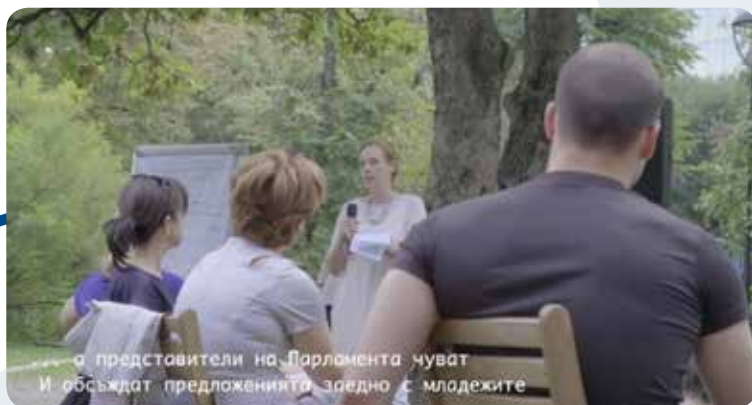
themselves as “civic hitchhikers”, in other words as individuals who have an opinion and seek the best solutions for the issues relevant to the public good.

## »»» 1 click takes you to the Parliament

Being able to effectively communicate with those in power and the latter hearing our opinion is an indicator whether we live, indeed, in a democratic society. In the context of *digital democracy* we turned our attention to the National Assembly and its website. We asked ourselves how this website can become a tool for increased transparency, awareness and citizen participation? We sought the answer to this question via our social experiment "1 click takes you to the Parliament" in partnership with the Equal BG movement and Bridges Community association.

**[watch the video here]**

- We used an online survey to confirm this with 300 persons, and gathered their opinions and ideas on what can be improved;



- We summed up the proposals and sent them to the Speaker of the 47th National Assembly.



- We challenged 3 teams of students and CSOs to draft specific proposals for improving the Parliament's website, and we discussed them live with representatives of the 46th National Assembly **[watch the video here]**;

*"This was an important experience for me, which confirmed and further developed my ideas about achieving a better future by means of active involvement in the civic sector" -*

Kristina Manolova, 18 years old, intern at BCNL

## »» **120 young people, 12 month of work with 47 NGOs**

This is what the 2020-2021 Social Innovators program for internship with NGOs looks like in figures. Being partners of the National Management School association, we were able to observe the growth of new leaders in the sector. Well, we are happiest of all! The program allowed us to meet amazing young personalities, with a powerful presence and an enlightened mind for action. These are **Polina Dyankova, Martina Bogdanova, Aglika Stanina, Antonya Spirova, Kristina Manolova, and Georgi Arsov** who took part in our internships in 2020 and 2021. Luckily, Polina joined our team after winning the best intern award in the Social Innovators program, with a one-year stipend for employment.

## »» **Avatar Regional Program**

In 2021 we developed the potential of two civil society organizations and their teams outside Sofia, and subsequently they became local hubs for providing support to other CSOs. In the summer, our partners from Start-up Factory and the Social Teahouse opened **the two new locations of the NGO House** with specialized services for NGOs. In addition to the capital city, active people and communities can now share space for working, trainings and cooperation in Rousse and Varna.

The NGO House conducted two training programs: Summer program (42 participants in 9 topics) and Autumn Program (53 participants in 10 topics)

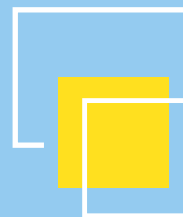
## »»» NGO Summer School

It did happen! After a short break we once again plunged into the sea of emotions, excitement and knowledge at the unique **NGO Summer School**. The ninth edition trained 19 young civic activists to be more knowledgeable, capable and confident in the CSO world, to work in such a way as to achieve real success with their causes.



## »»» Vivacom Regional Grant

**The Regional Grant** had its 7th anniversary! In 2021, we continued our successful partnership with **Vivacom** in support of the best ideas of civil society organizations aimed at the development of local communities in Bulgaria. 281 organizations with 319 projects participated in the competition for the sixth Regional Grant. **The jury selected 14** of these projects whose implementation we monitored and guided. In November we advertised the seventh edition which attracted broad public interest.







## Entrepreneurship for Change

While the year 2021 was extremely difficult for all small businesses, our social enterprises were proactive in seeking new ways to develop their activity, acquiring new knowledge, attracting new like-minded people and clients.

10 organizations participated in our 2021 Entrepreneurship Program, and they developed their entrepreneurship programs with the support of 17 mentors and trainers. The eleventh consecutive edition of the Entrepreneurship Program **LET'S GO** was yet another opportunity for us to meet inspiring personalities. The final selection was entrusted to an expert jury with representatives of socially responsible businesses, America for Bulgaria Foundation, UniCredit Bulbank, TELUS International Bulgaria, Accenture Bulgaria and Rakuten Viber.



The culmination of the events was the **FESTIVAL OF SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP** which took place in the Amphitheater of Sofia Ring Mall on 15-18 July 2021, and gathered social enterprises from all over country. Over 180 persons took part in the program, which included a workshop, part of a joint initiative with Maria's World *"I can work! Support for employment opportunities for people with intellectual disabilities"*, financed by the Active Citizens Fund; speed dating with social innovators; workshop for communicating causes of social enterprises (with trainers from Tellus); awards ceremony for the winners in the competition The Best NGO Business Plan.



»»» The highlights from the 2021 DarPazar (GiftMarket) which make us feel proud:

- Over **82,000** in terms of resources for sales by social enterprises;
- Chatbot with Viber with over **34,000** members;
- Over **40** media participations;
- Over **500 000** persons reached out in the social media.

An important development for the support of social entrepreneurship was the start-up of the joint project with **PRISM (Italy); Athens Lifelong Learning Institute (Greece) and the University of Lodz (Poland) SEHUBS**, financed under **ERASMUS+** Program (621421-EPP-1-2020-1-IT-EPPKA3-IPI-SOC-IN). This collaboration will be an opportunity for us to develop an innovative model for the joint creation of hubs for social enterprises working with various groups of socially disadvantaged people or for addressing social issues in various areas (**culture, sports, employment, etc.**). A summit which allowed the partners to discuss the vision about setting up local hubs took place in November in the city of Lodz, Poland.

## IMPORTANT RESEARCH



• [2020 Civil Society Organization Sustainability Index in Bulgaria;](#)



• [Report on Child Justice;](#)

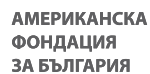


• Zona Zakrila (Protection Zone) – an opportunity to provide financial and institutional sustainability.

## DONORS



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**Boryana Dimitrova**, Ph.D. in Sociology, manager of Alpha Research sociological agency.

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**Polina Dyankova**, 4th year student, Legal Studies, St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia;  
**Kendra Landri**, University of McGill, Canada, Legal Studies;  
**Antonia Spirova**, 3rd year student, Liberal Arts and Science, Maastricht University, the Netherlands;  
**Kristina Manolova**, 1st year student, Economics and Finance (with the French language), St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia;  
**Georgi Arsov**, 1st year student, Psychology, New Bulgarian University;  
**Lina Chakarova**, 4th year student, Journalism and Mass Communications, American University in Blagoevgrad;

**We extend our gratitude to all the volunteers who were with us and assisted us with the successful implementation of BCNL's initiatives in 2021:**

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**Remina Alexieva and the members of the National Association of Law Students – ELSA Bulgaria;**  
**Simona Ilieva;**  
**Tihomira Metodieva-Tihich.**

## »»» Проекти, реализирани през 2021 г.

### Project

[„Activate: building bridges between CSOs, Private Sector and Active Citizens“](#),

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[„Civic Alarm Clock“ Competition](#)

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the Culture Program of Sofia Municipality

### Activities and results for 2021

- 400 consultations provided to CSOs for developing their activity;
- Support for organizing Civic Alarm Clock 2021 - an initiative supporting young authors to create socially engaged art.
- Held the 9th edition of the Summer School for NGOs (19 participants from NGOs);
- The regional program Avatar with our partners from the Startup Factory and the Social Tea House was launched, which opened two new locations of the House of Civil Organizations with specialized services for NGOs in Ruse and Varna;
- 11th edition of the NGO Entrepreneurship Program (LET'S GO) was held, which included 10 organizations that with the support of 17 mentors and trainers developed their skills in social entrepreneurship., 2 seminars on entrepreneurship and a festival and a bazaar of social enterprises were held;
- Development of the Digital Democracy series, with materials for the development of technology and human rights.

In 2021 the campaign [„BORN READY“](#) was carried out for the abolition of the guardianship regime in our country.

More than 5,000 people supported the online petition and hundreds of signatures were collected during the 2021 Abilities Days. In 17 cities across the country, parents, people with intellectual disabilities, professionals working with them, local activists, the media and volunteers took part in outdoor events and online campaigns. The lack of a stable National Assembly left the request for the abolition of the guardianship regime still open ([www.bornready.me](http://www.bornready.me)) and without a response from the institutions.

- Support for the Legal Clinic for disability rights at Plovdiv University “St. P. Hilendarski”
- Support for specific people placed under guardianship or at risk of being placed under guardianship.

- A study of the index of sustainability of the NGOs in Bulgaria for 2020;
- A seminar was held between institutions and civil society organizations and presented:
  - - NGO Sustainability Index for 2020 and
  - - The Open Government Partnership Initiative in 2021.

The fourth edition of the “Civic Alarm Clock” Competition was dedicated to the digital manifestation of civil rights, it was attended by 90 authors with over 730 socially engaged illustrations, photographs and texts.

- 17 talented authors were awarded, and 11 of them received cash prizes, and the audience was included in the evaluation, broadcasting 3 favorites after online voting.
- The first Civic Alarm Clock Festival of its kind gathered numerous participants and spectators around the Summer Stage in Borisova Garden in Sofia.

[SEHUBS - Co-creating Hubs for Social Enterprises](#)

**supported by**  
Erasmus program, EU

- The project, together with partners from Italy, Poland and Greece, developed an innovative model for joint creation of hubs for social enterprises working with different disadvantaged groups or for overcoming social problems in different areas (culture, sports, employment, etc.). In Poland, a discussion took place on the vision of creating local hubs.

["Entrepreneurship for Non-Profit Organizations"](#)

**supported by**  
TELUS International Europe, UniCredit Bulbank and Accenture Bulgaria.

- In 2021, the 11th edition of the program (LET'S GO) included 10 organizations that, with the support of 17 mentors and trainers, developed their social entrepreneurship skills.
- Festival of social entrepreneurship was held in Sofia Ring Mall (July 15 - 18, 2021) with a bazaar of social enterprises, a communication

"Civil Hubs in Universities: Activating Civil Energy in Support of Civil Society Organizations" funded by the Active Citizens of Bulgaria Fund under the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area 2014-2021

- It Involved 165 students and 61 civil organizations in direct interaction with each other (in a total of over 50 meetings online and live) by developing joint activities and involving students in the work of organizations.
- The young people generated over 80 concrete proposals for improvement in 7 main civil topics.
- Several meetings (online and live) of the "[Civil Hitchhiker's Club](#)" were held with discussions on current topics of the civil society.

[Entrance for citizens - FGU to improve public consultations in municipalities](#)

**supported by**  
Active Citizens Fund Bulgaria under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021

- Support provided to 7 municipalities and local NGOs to improve public consultations at the local level. In Karlovo, Kardzhali, Lovech and Targovishte, special ordinances were adopted for conducting public consultations and the practices for using digital tools for conducting public discussions with citizens were developed.

[„Ex iure ad iustatium \(from law to justice\): principles for a fair trial for people with disabilities"](#) in partnership with the Global Psychiatric Initiative, supported by the Active Citizens Fund of Bulgaria within the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area 2014-2021

- Analysis: ACCESS TO JUSTICE: How people with intellectual disabilities and mental health problems participate in court proceedings (Analysis of case law on cases of placement / revocation of guardianship, placement in residential services, obligatory and compulsory treatment);
- Developed algorithm for the participation of persons with intellectual disabilities and mental health problems in court proceedings

["For the citizens and their organizations"](#)

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the Active Citizens Fund Bulgaria within the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area 2014-2021, leading candidate PACEL Foundation

- 5 interviews with experts were published analyzing the current issues in the civil sector such as disinformation, e-government, child-friendly justice, how we can partner successfully with the state and what civil society we need.
- Published over 50 materials with information on public consultations, 9 legal news.
- Updated the content in the section „Questions and answers on the legal framework for NGOs“.

["I CAN WORK!" Support for employment for people with intellectual disabilities" in partnership with the World of Mary Foundation](#)

**supported by**

the Active Citizens Fund of Bulgaria within the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area 2014-2021

- Completed study of the expectations of people with intellectual disabilities and their parents for the new social service „support for the acquisition of work skills“
- A seminar on „Challenges and good practices in employment for people with intellectual disabilities“ was held.
- Advocacy campaign for active inclusion of people with disabilities in the use of social services.

["Child-Friendly Justice: Developing a Concept for Social Judicial Practices"](#)

(REC-AG-2019/REC-RCHI-PROF-AG-2019)

funded by the "Justice" program, EU

- Completed study on the practice of transposing Directive 2012/29 / EU and Directive 2016/800 / EU;
- A three-day international conference was held with more than 160 registered guests from all over the world, and in the individual sessions there were representatives of the UN, EC, EU Fundamental Rights Agency, NGOs, lawyers, journalists and researchers from universities. The official guests at the event in Sofia were the Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria Diana Kovacheva and the Deputy Minister of Justice Maria Pavlova.
- A series of training sessions for professionals in the field of justice has been launched to present a Model of sparing justice for children.

[Risk Assessment of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing of the NGO Sector in Bulgaria](#) funded by European center for not-for-profit law (ECNL)

- A study was conducted on how NGOs in Bulgaria are financed with public funds in 2021.

Network of Centers for Competences for Social Innovation, FUSE Project, number VS / 2021/0157 funded by Horizon 2020, EU

- Preparation of an analysis of the needs and good practices regarding innovations in social entrepreneurship.
- Conducting a survey of attitudes and needs to improve the environment for social entrepreneurship in Bulgaria.

["To the Parliament with only 1 Click"](#) initiative funded by Civitates

- Possibilities and attitudes for improving the website of the National Assembly in the direction of more transparency, information and civil participation were studied;
- Conducted a social experiment „To Parliament with only 1 click“ in partnership with the civil movement Equal BG and NGO Community Bridges;
- Collected through an online survey opinions and ideas from 300 people on what can be improved on the website of the National Assembly;
- 3 teams of students and NGOs developed specific proposals for improving the site of the National Assembly;
- The proposals were discussed live with representatives of the 46th National Assembly.
- The proposals were summarized and sent to the 47th National Assembly.

Analysis of the legal and financial mechanisms related to institutionalization funded by UNICEF-Bulgaria

- An analysis of the legal and financial mechanisms related to institutionalization has been prepared.

# Финансов отчет

FOUNDATION BULGARIAN CENTER  
FOR NOT-FOR-PROFIT LAW

*FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND AUDITOR'S REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021*

February 2022

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the management of  
Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law  
Sofia

### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law (the Foundation), which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2021, and the income statement, equity statement and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and note to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects the financial position of the Foundation as at 31 December 2021, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with National Accounting Standards (NAS) applicable in Bulgaria.

### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Foundation in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code)* together with the ethical requirements of the Independent Financial Audit Act (IFAA) that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Bulgaria, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the requirements of the IFAA and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with NAS applicable in Bulgaria and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Foundation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentation, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Foundation to cease to continue as a going concern.

— Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with management regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

FOR ATA CO LTD:

Radosveta Vesselinova  
registered auditor

February 21, 2022

Sofia, Bulgaria, 81 Bulgaria Blvd, entrance 2, office 5

BALANCE SHEET  
as at 31 December 2021

Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law

ASSETS	Notes	31.12.2021 thous. BGN	31.12.2020 thous. BGN
<b>Non-current assets, net</b>			
Equipment		4	-
Computer technique	3	6	17
Shares and portion in subsidiary company	3	5	5
Loans granted to subsidiaries		11	11
		<u>26</u>	<u>33</u>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Receivables from financing	4	76	62
Cash and cash equivalents	5	683	864
		<u>759</u>	<u>926</u>
Deferred expenses		4	2
<b>Total assets</b>		<u>789</u>	<u>961</u>
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Equity and reserves</b>			
Other reserve		298	323
		<u>298</u>	<u>323</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Current liabilities	6	9	4
Unspent from financed project	7	482	634
		<u>491</u>	<u>638</u>
<b>Total equity and liabilities</b>		<u>789</u>	<u>961</u>

Manager:

Nadia Shabani-Panova

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As per auditors report:

INCOME STATEMENT  
for the year ended 31 December 2021

Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law

	Notes	2021 thous. BGN	2020 thous. BGN
<b>Revenue from regulated activity</b>	8	713	664
Revenue from donations conditional		674	644
Revenue from donations unconditional		8	-
Other income		31	20
<b>Financial incomes</b>		18	42
Foreign currency exchange rate gains		18	42
<b>Expenses by regulated activity</b>	9	723	662
Donations		42	-
Other costs		681	591
<b>Financial expenses</b>		25	41
Foreign currency exchange rate loss		24	39
Other expenses from financial operations		1	2
<b>Result from non-economic activities</b>		(17)	3
<b>Profit from economic activities</b>		22	18
<b>Result for the year</b>		5	21

Manager:  
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21 February 2022

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As per auditors report:



INCOME STATEMENT FOR ECONOMIC ACTIVITY  
for the year ended 31 December 2021

Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law

	Notes	2021 thous. BGN	2020 thous. BGN
<b>Operating incomes business activities</b>	10	26	37
Net sales incomes		26	37
<b>Financial incomes</b>		0	0
Interest income		-	-
<b>Expenses by economic elements</b>	11	2	17
Cost of hired services		2	9
Employee expenses		-	7
Cost of insurance		-	1
<b>Profit from operating activities</b>		24	20
<b>Profit before income tax</b>		24	20
Income tax	12	2	2
<b>Profit after tax</b>		22	18
<b>Net profit for the period</b>		22	18

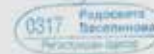
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY  
for the year ended 31 December 2021

Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law

	Reserves thous. BGN	Financial result thous. BGN	Total equity thous. BGN
Balance as at 31 December 2019	215	116	331
Financial result for the period			
Other changes in the reserves, including: (own financing)	(20) (29)		(29)
Balance as at 31 December 2020	157	137	323
Financial result for the period		5	5
Other changes in the reserves, including: (own financing)	(30) (30)		(30)
Balance as at 31 December 2021	127	142	298

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As per auditors report:


CASHFLOW  
for the year ended 31.12.2021

Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law

	Notes	2021 thous. BGN	2020 thous. BGN
<b>Cash flows non-economic activities</b>			
Conditional financing received		487	1 218
Unconditional financing received		8	-
Cash flow from bank operations and currency exchange gains		17	-
Other cash-flows received		2	-
Payments to employees		(224)	(237)
Payments to social security		(64)	(79)
Payments for services		(364)	(262)
Grants paid		(42)	(71)
Payments for assets		(4)	(19)
Interest and bank tax paid		(3)	(41)
Other cashflows from operating activities		(19)	(13)
<b>Net cash flows from non-economic activities</b>		<b>(206)</b>	<b>496</b>
<b>Cash flows economic activities</b>			
Received amounts on contracts		29	34
Other receipts		-	1
Payments to suppliers		(2)	(12)
Payments for salaries and social security contributions		-	(5)
Tax payments		(2)	-
Other cashflows from operating activities		-	(1)
<b>Net cash flows from economic activities</b>		<b>25</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>		<b>(181)</b>	<b>513</b>
<b>Cash as at 01 January</b>		<b>864</b>	<b>351</b>
<b>Cash as at 31 December</b>		<b>683</b>	<b>864</b>

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Nadia Shabani-Panova

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Elena Kalinova

21 February 2022

As per auditors report:


NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ending on December 31, 2021

1. Incorporation and registration.

The Foundation Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law (BCNL) was established in 2001 and is registered in accordance with the Law for the non-profit corporate bodies. The foundation works for the public benefit and is registered in the Ministry of Justice.

The Foundation is a non-governmental, non-political and non-religious organisation, established to pursue the following objectives:

- to support the development and strengthening of an enabling legal and policy environment for an independent civil society, incl. non-governmental, not-for-profit organizations (NGOs), in Bulgaria;
- to promote transparency, accountability, and proper internal governance of NGOs and state institutions;
- to support better cooperation between government and NGOs;
- to support public participation in decision-making;
- to promote the development of professional skills, knowledge and capacity relating to the enabling legal environment for civil society, including NGOs, in Bulgaria;
- to provide assistance to NGOs with respect to legal problems;
- to provide assistance in civil society legal reform efforts in other countries, where appropriate, and to foster international co-operation;
- to engage in activities to achieve such other objectives as determined by the Board of Trustees not inconsistent with the purposes and the identity of the Foundation.

To achieve its objectives the Foundation implements a number of contracts. The most important ones for the year 2021 are:

- ✓ **Activate: building bridges between CSOs, Private Sector and Active Citizens**, with the financial aid of America for Bulgaria Foundation
- ✓ **Response to the COVID-19 Crisis and Post crisis period**, with the financial aid of the Open Society Institute
- ✓ **Child-Friendly Justice: Developing the concept of social court practices, (REC-AG-2019/REC-RCHI-PROF-AG-2019)**, with the financial aid of program "Justice" of the EU Commission
- ✓ **Programme "Entrepreneurship for NGOs"**, with the financial aid of Accenture Bulgaria, Telus International (Call Point New Europe), America for Bulgaria Foundation and Unicredit Bulbank
- ✓ **Project "Rights through the eyes of art"**, funded by Sofia municipality, programme "Culture" 2021
- ✓ **Project „Civil Hubs at Universities: Activating Civil Energy in Support of Civil Society**, funded by the Active Citizens Bulgaria Fund under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021
- ✓ **Project Citizens' Entrance - FCP for Improving Public Consultation in Municipalities, in partnership with Forum Citizens Participation**, funded by the Active Citizens Bulgaria Fund under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.
- ✓ **Project "Ex iure ad iustitiam (from right to justice); principles of fair trial for people with disabilities"**, in partnership with Global Initiative in Psychiatry, funded by the Active Citizens Bulgaria Fund under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.
- ✓ **For citizens and their organizations, - in partnership with PACEL** funded by the Active Citizens Bulgaria Fund under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.
- ✓ **CAN WORK! Labor Market Support for People with Intellectual Disabilities, in partnership with Maria's world foundation**, funded by the Active Citizens Bulgaria Fund under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021
- ✓ **Project "The Civil Society Organization Sustainability Index in Bulgaria"**, funded in USAID via FII
- ✓ **Project SEHUBS - Co-creating Hubs for Social Enterprises**, funded under the ERASMUS+ Programme (agreement number 621421-EPP-1-2020-1-IT-EPPKA3-IPI-SOC-IN)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ending on December 31, 2021

2. Description of the significant accounting policies

2.1. Basis for the preparation of the financial statements

The Foundation annual financial statements for the year 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of all the National Accounting Standards applicable in 2021, as of the Balance sheet date of December 31, 2021.

The Foundation organizes and carries out the current accounting reports and prepares its financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Bulgarian accounting, taxation and commercial legislation.

The Foundation financial statements for the year 2021 are prepared according to the requirements of the principles of accrual basis; going concern; primacy of content over form; prudence; comparability of income and expense; consistency.

These financial statements have been prepared on the basis of the accounting convention of historical price, modified in certain cases with the revaluation of some assets and liabilities in accordance with their fair value, that have been shown in the disclosures accompanying the statements.

All information disclosed for 2021 and 2020 is presented in this financial statement in thousands of Bulgarian leva (BGN in thousands).

2.2. Comparative data - changes in accounting policies

With a view to achieving comparability, the balances in the respective accounts of Retained Earnings and Reserves as of December 31, 2021, have been reclassified, combined and recalculated. All adjustments have been reflected in Reserves and Retained Earnings so that they would not influence the current financial result.

2.3. Use of accounting estimates and assumptions

The preparation of financial statements under the National Accounting Standards requires that the management makes some accounting estimates and assumptions, which are related to the Balance sheet reported assets and liabilities as well as to the recognized income and expenses for the period.

2.4. Transactions in foreign currencies

Transactions, concluded in foreign currencies during the period, have been translated in Bulgarian leva in accordance with the exchange rate for the respective currency on the date of the transaction. Any assets and liabilities in foreign currencies have been recalculated in accordance with the closing exchange rate of the Bulgarian National Bank as of the Balance sheet date. Any profit or loss as a result of this has been presented in the Income Statement.

2.5. Recognition of income and expense

The sources of this income are the grants received. Solely the disbursed parts of these grants are accounted as income during the year. The disbursed as income grants, for which there are attended clauses, are specified as financing under conditions in the Profit and Loss Account. The income from the grants for fixed assets is recognized only to the extent of the allowances for depreciation and the balance is reflected in the Balance sheet as long-term liabilities/deferred income and financing. Unrealized financial resources during the year are specified in the Balance sheet as short-term or long term financing, depending on the period for which they will be disbursed. The realized expenses, exceeding the grants received to the date of the financial statement, are recognized as income and reported as other short-term receivables in the Balance sheet.

Expenses are recognized in accordance with the principles of accrual basis and comparability with income. Most of the depreciation expenses are directly assigned to reduction of equity of the Foundation and are not recorded in the Income Statement.

Income and Expenses of economic activity are rendered according to the requirements of the principles of accrual basis and comparability.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
for the year ending on December 31, 2021

**2.6. Fixed assets**

Fixed assets are the established non-financial resources, which have been acquired and are owned by the Foundation, and have a physical existence. It is expected that they will be used during more than one reporting period. The fixed tangible and intangible assets have been valued at acquisition cost which includes their purchase price plus all expenses in relation to their commissioning and are reduced with the accrued depreciation and impairment.

Any derecognition of fixed assets is made as a result of a sale, reject or retirement when no other economic benefit is expected.

**2.7. Depreciation of fixed assets and amortization of intangible assets**

The Foundation accrues depreciation of fixed assets and intangible assets in view of the useful life of the individual assets, determined for each class of assets. No depreciation is accrued for lands and assets that are under construction or being supplied.

When depreciable assets of the company are depreciated, the straight-line method is used.

In 2021 the following depreciation rates have been used:

Computers - 50%  
Office furniture - 15%

**2.8. Receivables**

The receivables have been valued at their incidence cost.

**2.9. Cash**

Any cash in BGN has been valued at face value, while cash in foreign currencies - in accordance with the closing exchange rate of the Bulgarian National Bank on December 31, 2021. For the purposes of the Cash Flow Statement, the cash includes all cash in hand and at bank as of December 31, 2021.

**2.10. Current liabilities**

Any current liabilities in BGN are valued at their incidence cost.

**2.11. Income taxes**

Under the Bulgarian tax legislation, the Foundation is liable to corporate taxation only for its economic activity. The tax percentage is 10 % of the taxable profit. In the period only the payment for technical services rendered by foreigners is liable to withholding taxation. The Foundation did not make any social expenses during the period.

**3. Long - term financial assets**

	31.12. 2021 BGN in thousands	31.12. 2020 BGN in thousands
Subsidiary company	5	5
Given loan to subsidiary company	11	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
for the year ending on December 31, 2021

**4. Receivables**

	31.12. 2021 BGN in thousands	31.12. 2020 BGN in thousands
Receivables from donors	76	55
Receivables from project partners	-	2
Others	-	4
Receivables from clients	-	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>62</b>

**5. Cash**

	31.12. 2021 BGN in thousands	31.12. 2020 BGN in thousands
Cash in BGN	501	535
Cash in foreign currency	182	329
<b>Total</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>864</b>

**6. Current liabilities**

	31.12. 2021 BGN in thousands	31.12. 2020 BGN in thousands
Trade payables	1	1
Payables to project partners	3	-
Social securities liabilities	1	-
Tax liabilities	4	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>

**7. Financing and deferred income from profit-making activity**

	31.12. 2021 BGN in thousands	31.12. 2020 BGN in thousands
Reminders of financed projects	482	634
<b>Total</b>	<b>482</b>	<b>634</b>

The not expended balances of the received financing for projects in realization by the end of the year.

**8. Revenues from regulated activity**

	For the year ending on 31.12. 2021 BGN in thousands	For the year ending on 31.12. 2020 BGN in thousands
Recognized income from grants under condition-programs	674	644
Recognized income from donations without condition	8	-
Other incomes	31	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>713</b>	<b>664</b>

Other incomes is the sum, used from the reserve of the organization to cover current expenses through

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
for the year ending on December 31, 2021**

the year (30 thousand BGN) and compensations for electricity (1 thousand BGN).

**8. Expenses for regulated activity**

	For the year ending on 31.12. 2021 BGN in thousands	For the year ending on 31.12. 2020 BGN in thousands
Donations	42	71
Project costs	681	591
<b>Total</b>	<b>723</b>	<b>662</b>

The donations are granted to Bulgarian non-governmental organizations in public benefit as follows:

- Podobri foundation – 10 000 BGN for Best business plan for NGO
- Community, Causes and Endeavors association – 10 000 BGN for Best business plan for NGO
- Concordia Bulgaria foundation - 10 000 BGN for Best business plan for NGO
- Association Startup factory – regional program – 5140 BGN
- Social teahouse foundation – regional program – 6620 BGN

**10. Income of economic activity**

	For the year ending on 31.12. 2021 BGN in thousands	For the year ending on 31.12. 2020 BGN in thousands
Income from services rendered	26	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>37</b>

**11. Expenses for economic activity**

	For the year ending on 31.12. 2021 BGN in thousands	For the year ending on 31.12. 2020 BGN in thousands
Costs of hired services	2	9
Payments to employees	-	7
Cost of insurance	-	1
Other costs	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>17</b>

**12. Tax expenses**

	For the year ending on 31.12. 2020 BGN in thousands	For the year ending on 31.12. 2019 BGN in thousands
Current tax expense	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

The foundation does not report temporary tax differences and respectively income and expenses from deferred tax.

**PROJECTS DURING 2021**

Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law Foundation implemented during 2021 the following projects:

*Programs, implemented in 2021*

**1. Contract with America for Bulgaria Foundation**

**Project:** Activate: building bridges between CSOs, Private Sector and Active Citizens

**Source of funding:** America for Bulgaria Foundation

Balance from 2020	171 994,14 .m.
Funding received	146 704,00 .m.
Total expenses	189 149,16 .m.
Balance as of 31.12.2021	129 548,98 .m.

**2. Contract with Foundation Open Society Institute**

**Project:** Programme Next Step - program for year 2019 and 2020

**Source of funding:** Foundation Open Society Institute

Balance from 2020	\$315,81
Funding received	\$0,00
Total expenses	\$315,81
Balance as of 31.12.2021	\$0,00

**3. Contract with Foundation Open Society Institute**

**Project:** Response to the COVID-19 Crisis and Post crisis period

**Source of funding:** Foundation Open Society Institute

Balance from 2020	\$213 338,86
Funding received	\$0,00
Assets purchased	\$2 229,66
Total expenses	\$85 669,19
Balance as of 31.12.2021	\$125 440,01

**4. Contract with Family Health International 360, USA**

**Project:** „ The Civil Society Organization Sustainability Index in Bulgaria for 2019 “

**Source of funding:** USAID

Balance from 2020	\$2 692,50
Funding received	\$8 077,50
Total expenses	\$10 770,00
Balance as of 31.12.2021	\$0,00

**5. Contract with Sofia municipality**

Project: "Civil Alarmclock"

Source of funding: Sofia municipality, program Culture

Balance from 2020	0,00 лв.
Funding received	3 600,00 лв.
Total expenses	3 600,00 лв.
Balance as of 31.12.2021	0,00 лв.

**6. Contract with European commission**

Project: SEHUBS - Co-creating Hubs for Social Enterprises

Source of funding: Erasmus program

Balance from 2020	- €
Funding received	42 329,00 €
Total expenses	10 882,36 €
Balance as of 31.12.2021	31 446,64 €

The costs of the project, other than those listed in the table above, which are covered by the organization's own funds amount to 2752,60 euros.

**7. Contract with Accenture Bulgaria Ltd**

Programme "Entrepreneurship for NGOs"

Source of funding: Accenture Bulgaria Ltd

Balance from 2020	0,00 лв.
Funding received	10 000,00 лв.
Total expenses	10 000,00 лв.
Balance as of 31.12.2021	0,00 лв.

**8. Contract with Telus International (Call Point New Europe)**

Programme "Entrepreneurship for NGOs"

Source of funding: Telus International (Call Point New Europe)

Balance from 2020	0,00 лв.
Funding received	12 000,00 лв.
Total expenses	12 000,00 лв.
Balance as of 31.12.2021	0,00 лв.

**9. Contract with Unicredit Bulbank**

Programme: „ Entrepreneurship for NGOs "

Източник на финансиране: Unicredit Bulbank

Balance from 2020	0,00 лв.
Funding received	20 000,00 лв.
Total expenses	10 000,00 лв.
Balance as of 31.12.2021	10 000,00 лв.

**10. Contract with Active Citizens Bulgaria Fund under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.**

Project: Civil Hubs at Universities: Activating Civil Energy in Support of Civil Society

Source of funding: Active Citizens Bulgaria Fund under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.

Balance from 2020	10 307,62 €
Funding received	26 864,00 €
Total expenses	52 911,05 €
Correction in the own contribution from 2019	313,65 €
Partner's expenses	3 277,50 €
Balance as of 31.12.2021	(19 330,58) €

**11. Contract with Active Citizens Bulgaria Fund under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.**

Project: Project Citizens' Entrance - FCP for Improving Public Consultation in Municipalities, in partnership with Forum Citizen Participation

Source of funding: Active Citizens Bulgaria Fund under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.

Balance from 2020	(7 674,46) €
Funding received	7 676,05 €
Total expenses	4 649,63 €
Balance as of 31.12.2021	(4 648,04) €

**12. Contract with Active Citizens Bulgaria Fund under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.**

Project: "Ex iure ad iustitiam (from right to justice): principles of fair trial for people with disabilities". In partnership with Global Initiative in Psychiatry

Source of funding: Active Citizens Bulgaria Fund under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.

Balance from 2020	(4 526,24) €
Funding received	8 419,02 €
Total expenses	4 240,36 €
Balance as of 31.12.2021	(347,58) €



**13. Contract with Active Citizens Bulgaria Fund under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.**

**Project:** For citizens and their organizations, - in partnership with PACEL

**Source of funding:** Active Citizens Bulgaria Fund under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.

Balance from 2020	(11 486,42) €
Funding received	8 949,00 €
Total expenses	11 659,55 €
Balance as of 31.12.2021	(14 196,97) €

*The costs of the project, other than those listed in the table above, which are covered by the organization's own funds amount to 397,64 euros.*

**14. Contract with Active Citizens Bulgaria Fund under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.**

**Project:** CAN WORK! Labor Market Support for People with Intellectual Disabilities, in partnership with Maria's world foundation

**Source of funding:** Active Citizens Bulgaria Fund under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021.

Balance from 2020	(1 293,79) €
Funding received	2 756,85 €
Total expenses	1 463,06 €
Balance as of 31.12.2021	0,00 €

**15. Contract with European commission**

**Project:** Child-Friendly Justice: Developing the concept of social court practices, (REC-AG-2019/REC-RCHI-PROF-AG-2019)

**Source of funding:** program "Justice" of the EU Commission

Balance from 2020	36 226,34 €
Funding received	14 542,40 €
Total expenses	39 351,31 €
Balance as of 31.12.2021	11 417,43 €

*The costs of the project, other than those listed in the table above, which are covered by the organization's own funds amount to 12 418,85 euros.*

**16. Contract with Civicus**

**Project:** Project "Subject of activities" – campaign in the social media in support of the public image of the NGO sector

**Source of funding:** Civicus

Balance from 2020	(\$4 192,00)
Funding received	\$4 192,00
Total expenses	\$0,00
Balance as of 31.12.2021	\$0,00

**17. Contract with European center for not-for-profit law**

**Project:** Bulgarian NPO AML/CFT risk assessment

**Source of funding:** ECNL Stichting

Balance from 2020	- €
Funding received	11 000,00 €
Total expenses	2 725,00 €
Balance as of 31.12.2021	8 275,00 €

**18. Contract with Consortium between 9 organizations from Bulgaria, Ireland, Cyprus and Portugal**

**Project:** ESF+ Network of Competence Centres for Social Innovation (ENCCSI), project "FUSE", number VS/2021/0157

**Source of funding:** Horizon 2020

Balance from 2020	- €
Funding received	3 835,66 €
Total expenses	1 070,02 €
Balance as of 31.12.2021	2 765,64 €

**19. Contract with Bulgarian women fund**

**Project:** initiative "One click to the Parliament"

**Source of funding:** Civitates

Balance from 2020	- mkd.
Funding received	2 000,00 mkd.
Total expenses	1 050,00 mkd.
Balance as of 31.12.2021	950,00 mkd.

**20. Contract with UNICEF**

**Project:** Review and analysis of legal and financial mechanisms related to Child Advocacy Centres institutionalisation

**Source of funding:** UNICEF

Balance from 2020	- лв.
Funding received	22 000,00 лв.
Total expenses	22 000,00 лв.
Balance as of 31.12.2021	- лв.

#### 21. Donations from individuals and legal entities

Balance from 2020	9 620,56 лв.
Funding received	10 900,24 лв.
Total expenses	10 900,24 лв.
Balance as of 31.12.2021	9 620,56 лв.

The received donations are as follows:

- Elven BG Ltd – 100 BGN for the campaign "Citizen alarmclock"
- POD Doverie – 500 BGN for the campaign "Citizen alarmclock"
- IDEA Association – 104 BGN to cover transportation costs
- ECNL – 894,23 BGN to cover transportation costs
- Sugarshak Animation Bulgaria – 4250 BGN
- UK ONLINE GIVING FOUNDATION – 2976,94 leva
- Physical persons for the campaign "Citizen alarmclock" – 1689,60 leva
- Unconditional donations from physical persons – 383,47 leva

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