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Civil society traction

A friend has recently said that we have shifted from a world of *infinite opportunities* to a world of *infinite threats*. He was right in saying it. We are on the alert every day – someone will destroy the world we live in, a war will break out, the situation will deteriorate... Rights are being revoked – in the name of security, the values carrying us away and which were shared till recently, irrespective of the continent we live on and how we look, instead of being discussed - are being denied and discredited. “The winds of winter” have grown increasingly cold and devastating. Or at least these are the ideas and the thoughts that are being instilled in us – the absence of any perspective.

Now more than ever do we need reverse traction. Such reverse traction can for sure be generated from the civil society energy. In 2016 the environment for civil society organizations was developing in a dynamic and controversial manner along two extreme lines (both “+” and “-”), and remained for the most part in the “unstable” category¹. The amendments to the Non-Profit Legal Entities Act were passed – these amendments stipulate that non-governmental organizations

(as from the beginning of 2018) shall be registered at the Registry Agency; we all hope this change will facilitate the procedure and will lower the costs. A possibility was envisaged for the establishment of the Council for the Development of Civil Society and the Fund for Civic Initiatives– for now just as an option which will be faced with the challenge of acquiring meaning and yielding results. However, quite a few things did not happen – the Volunteering Act was not passed, the access to EU funding for civil society organizations was not facilitated; the *de minimis* threshold for NGO *financing* from operational programs was not cancelled; the voice of civil society organizations remained unheard (for example, the campaigns related to changes in the social legislation where the organizations were ignored in the decision-making process). The most striking of all negative reactions was the “black” PR – an increasingly targeted campaign aimed at discrediting civil society organizations, their significance and contribution to the development of the society and the communities. Some may say: “*The whole world is overwhelmed with difficulties and is drowned in populism.*” This is true. The issue is how we are surviving through this situation.



We believe that now it is, more than ever, time for civil society organizations to be proactive, to demonstrate they are the generator of causes and visions uniting people, making them do good things and offer help. Now it is time for the leadership and the ownership of change.

In 2016 BCNL turned 15. At this exciting age we are motivated as never before to ensure that the civil society organizations in Bulgaria carry out their missions in a supportive and stimulating environment in order to be the safeguard of democracy and the agents for good things.

Nadya Shabani,
Director of Bulgarian Center
for Not-for-Profit Law

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¹ 2015 CSO Sustainability Index

15 years of BCNL

This anniversary was an occasion for us to feel happy about having grown up as a team; to report on having broadened the scale of our projects; and for celebrating together with our friends whom we invited to party in April 2016.

"The Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law, through its activities, has contributed to raising the awareness and enhancing the capacity of non-governmental organizations as an active partner and a corrective for governmental institutions. I highly appreciate the organizing of the Summer School for NGOs which is unique in our country, the introduction of a social entrepreneur program and the portal with a comprehensive database of NGOs in Bulgaria, the establishment of the first ever co-working space for NGOs in Bulgaria – the NGO House."

Rossen Plevneliev,
President of the Republic of Bulgaria

The event was also marked by means of a public lecture at St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia on the topic: *Democracy through Civil Associations and Civil Pressure*, with Professor Georgi Dimitrov (The crisis of the Contemporary Bulgarian Democracy and Its Civil Alternative) and Mr. David Moore, member of BCNL's Board of Trustees and Vice President of the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law, (*Civil Society Organizations under Threat: Global Trends*) as key-note speakers.



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Проф. Димитров е социолог, доктор на социологическите науки със специализация в областта на изследване на социалната структура на обществото и управление на политическото образование в Германия, Холандия, Великобритания и Бразилия. Осъществил е над 100 научни публикации в областта на социологията в БЗНС, включително и в списание на Американския социологически съюз (1990-2000). Участвал е в над 30 международни симпозиуми и конгреси по социологията на международното общество. Автор на научния портал „Данни“ за социални и политически данни през 2014 г.

Дейвид Мур е работил 10 години като професор в Института по правни науки на Университета в Торонто, преди да бъде избран за граждански адвокат през 2005 г. и президент на Канадския адвокатски колеж в Торонто. Той е член на адвокатския колеж в Милвауки, Източна Каролина и Университетски център за човешките права в Милвауки, Източна Каролина. Той е член на правния съвет на законите за гражданските права в Канада и е председател на комитетите за гражданските права в Канада и в продължава да работи за гражданските права и за правната реформа в държавите, които са членове на Африканския съюз на законите за гражданските права в Канада. Той е член на правния съвет на законите за гражданските права в Канада и е председател на комитетите за гражданските права в Канада и в продължава да работи за гражданските права и за правната реформа в държавите, които са членове на Африканския съюз на законите за гражданските права в Канада. Той е член на правния съвет на законите за гражданските права в Канада и е председател на комитетите за гражданските права в Канада и в продължава да работи за гражданските права и за правната реформа в държавите, които са членове на Африканския съюз на законите за гражданските права в Канада.

ПЕТЯ КАБАКЧИЕВА е преподавател на Юридическия факултет на СУ „Св. Климент Охридски“ в София. Специализацията ѝ е социологията на политическите системи и политическите организации. Тя е автор на над 10 научни публикации в областта на социологията и политологията. Тя е член на Българския социологически съюз и на Българския политологически съюз. Тя е член на правния съвет на законите за гражданските права в Канада и е председател на комитетите за гражданските права в Канада и в продължава да работи за гражданските права и за правната реформа в държавите, които са членове на Африканския съюз на законите за гражданските права в Канада.

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In 2016:

- **31** legal opinions, recommendations and specific proposals regarding the development of the legislation and the working environment for NGOs were drafted by us – the topics were the registration of NGOs, financial sustainability, enhanced citizen participation, changing the guardianship regime, social entrepreneurship, access to EU funding, local policies for public consultations, culture, civic education, and others.
- **570** legal consultations – we provided support for the initial registration of NGOs and the subsequent registration of changes, consultations, and contracts;
- **33** new registrations of NGOs assisted by us;
- **290** media coverages of our activities;
- **50** events organized by us;
- **1200** persons taking part in our initiatives;
- **538** persons trained by us.

WHAT HAVE WE ADVOCATED FOR AND WHAT CHANGES HAVE WE ACHIEVED?



Easier and faster registration of NGOs in Bulgaria

One of our leading topics in 2016 was focused on changes in the basic law concerning the establishment of NGOs – the Non-Profit Legal Entities Act (latest amendments in 2006). Following many years of issues in the registration practice (in particular, the practice of the Sofia City Court) and efforts to address them, the Ministry of Justice (MJ) made it possible to submit proposals that the registration procedure be transferred from the court to the Registry Agency. The BCNL team was actively involved in drafting proposals for amendments to the Non-Profit Legal Entities Act and the Commercial Register Act which, at the end of the day, were passed by the 43rd National Assembly and will be effective as from January 2018. This change will undoubtedly ensure that NGO registration becomes faster, easier and more accessible (and uni-

form – by eliminating the additional registrations for BULSTAT and in the Central Register). Our role consisted in advocacy aimed at introducing this approach, and we contributed along this line by means of participation in the MJ working group and advocacy in the National Assembly. At present we are cooperating with the Registry Agency in designing application forms that are efficient and tailored to the specific features of the organizations.

The Non-Profit Legal Entities Act has been substantially amended in another three areas – the law explicitly stipulates that the Council of Ministers shall adopt a strategy for supporting civil society organizations (which will incorporate the policy in respect of non-governmental organization as part of the government's long-term policy). A Council for the Development of Civil Society (at the highest political level – the Council of Ministers chaired by a deputy prime minister) and a Fund for supporting projects with public relevance implemented by public benefit non-profit legal entities. These changes were supported and presented by MPs following a discussion initiated by the Public Council with the Parliamentary Committee for Interaction with Non-Governmental Organizations and Citizens' Complaints. In addition to BCNL, the campaign was joined by several networks of civil society organizations such as the Bulgarian Donation Forum, the National Network for Children, the Citizen Participation Forum. These changes are of paramount importance, as they lead the way to a consistent policy for supporting civil society organizations and recognizing their contribution to the development of the society.

Enhanced citizen participation

Other legislative changes made in 2016 concern the Law on Normative Acts. The amendments introduced higher requirements to the quality of public consultations and defined the key role of impact assessment in the process of adopting legal acts at the central and local level. We, the BCNL team, took part in drafting the legal texts in our capacity of experts, and in the subsequent public consultations on the draft provisions in our capacity of a civil society organization.

The improvement of the conditions for citizen participation is a successful achievement for all of us. And a responsibility. We have ensured a 30-day time limit for submitting opinions and views on bills proposed by ministries (a 14-day time limit only in special cases). In addition to the longer timeframe, we hope that public consultations can also be improved by ensuring that they are mandatory and transparent (for example, by publishing all the opinions presented in the course of the discussions, and a note on all the proposals – both accepted and rejected – with the rel-

evant justifications). As regards impact assessment, it should answer the question regarding the efficiency of the legislative solutions proposed in terms of addressing a specific issue on the public agenda. The aim, in particular of ex-post impact assessment, will be alleviating the regulatory burden for citizens and businesses.

We hope that policy-makers will respect and trust the ideas generated by the society, and the members of the society will be proactive and relentless in their wish to participate.

Equality before the law – equal opportunities for all

One of the topics in respect of which we continued our efforts throughout 2016 is the revocation of guardianship based on the idea that all human beings, irrespective of any disabilities they may have, should enjoy equal opportunities to exercise their rights. Our greatest success was the submission of the draft of the Natural Persons and Support Measures Act to the National Assembly (allocat-

ed to 5 parliamentary committees). The BCNL team was involved in defending the Bill together with our counterparts from the Bulgarian Association for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities (BAPID) and the Global Initiative on Psychiatry-Sofia (GIP-Sofia). The Bill passed only through its first reading and, regrettably, did not make it to the plenary sitting and its second reading. We hope that this will be one of the topics on the agenda of the next Legislature.



The Next Step Program which, in partnership with GIP-Sofia and 6 of BAPID members, approbates the supported decision-making as an alternative to guardianship was further developed. We conducted joint trainings for policy-makers at the national and local level, researchers from universities, mayors, journalists, parents, and self-advocates. The Program encompassed 100 persons with intellectual difficulties, 500 family members, 1,500 relatives/close acquaintances and professionals working with this target group.

The Bulgarian experience was also presented at a scientific workshop of the international network of lawyers involved in developing the legislation for the introduction of a new regime of legal capacity. The event took place in September at Borovetz and gathered representatives of the academia from USA, Ireland, Canada, Israel, Bulgaria and Great Britain. Bulgaria's achievements in the area of supported decision-making and developing the new models for the exercise of legal capacity were also presented: in Ireland (June) – at the 8th International Disability Law Summer School organized by the University of Galway, and within the Voices Project (April and November), in Riga (May), and at many other events.



We organized, together with our counterparts from the Mental Disability Advocacy Centre (MDAC), a special seminar (November) for lawyers who were trained in communicating and working with children with intellectual disabilities involved in legal proceeding. The Project is implemented in 8 countries: Belgium, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Ireland, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia.

In 2016, together with other organizations (Amalipe,

The fight against the “ceiling” on the funding for CSO projects

Civic Participation Forum, and 20 more), we continued the campaign against applying the state aid law and providing minimum financial support to non-profit projects of civil society organizations. We discussed and made comments on a number of specific funding schemes and management mechanisms of operational programs: Active Inclusion, Social Entrepreneurship, OPGG Indicative Program, etc. Despite all the meetings and consultations held, and the support from representatives of the European Commission during the Monitoring Committees, no changes have been achieved and hence all the schemes with NGOs as beneficiaries apply this principle. The end effect – limiting the participation of NGOs in EU-funded programs (and in policies, as EU funds are the only substantial resource

for developing social policies) to the amount of 200,000 euros for a 3-year period.

Nevertheless, a successful endeavor in relation to access to financial resources from OPs was our joint initiative with the Civic Participation Forum aimed at ensuring that the scheme for CSOs under OPGG be launched as soon as possible. We also insisted that at least a part of the management be outsourced, as the initial idea proposed by the OPGG team was that the whole program should be managed by the administration. The Managing Authority of OPGG supported our proposals.

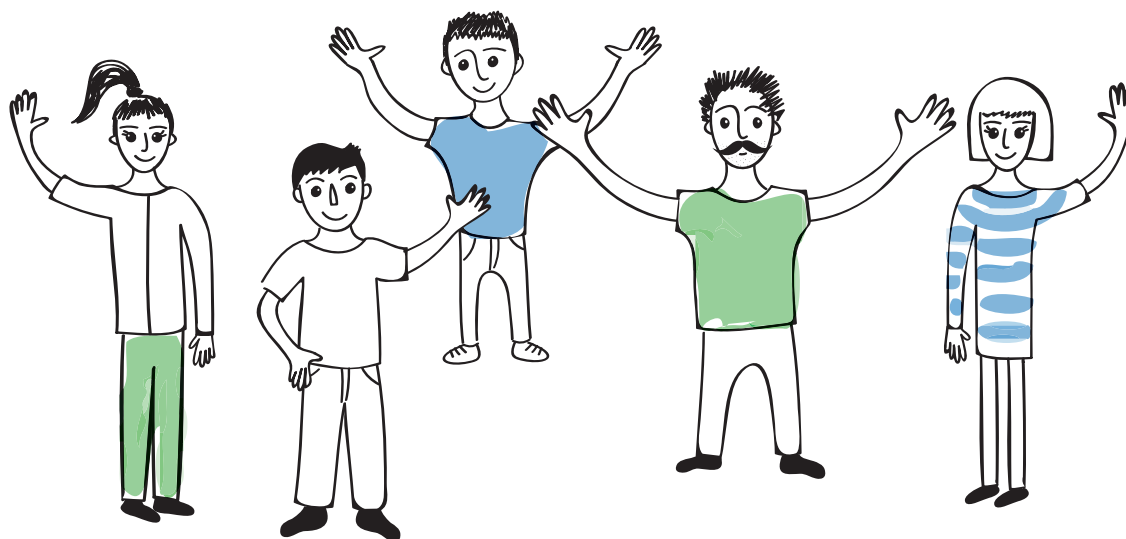


Attempts to obstruct legislative initiatives restricting the working environment for NGOs

In 2016 a draft of the Counter-Terrorism Act was submitted to the National Assembly. This was one of the “fast-track” Bills passed by the Parliament in the same year. In addition, one of the controversial laws. The reasons and the feasibility of the counter-terrorism measures already adopted, including the ones introducing a new ground for ex-officio termination of non-profit legal entities, are controversial. BCNL submitted its opinions to all the parliamentary committees involved in the first and second readings of the Bill. These opinions cite also the recommendations of FATFs (Financial Action Task Force) with national governments regarding anti-money laundering legislative measures in respect of civil society organizations. Nevertheless, the new Counter-Terrorism Act, and the related amendments to the Non-Profit Legal Entities Act entered into force on 27 December 2016 (SG, No 103). These amendments stipulate that in the event of reasoned allegations (or sufficient evidence) regarding the existence of dependence or influence, financing or interrelationship between a legal entity, including a non-profit one, and any form of terrorism, the prosecutor general may request the termination of the legal entity before the court.

Another negative legislative initiative concerns the proposed amendments to the Bar Act providing for a monopoly on the provision of legal services, including legal consultations. Luckily, this Bill did not make it through the two readings in the National Assembly and the amendments proposed did not take effect.

BCNL also took part in the activity of the Public Council



Public Council of CSOs

of CSOs with the Parliamentary Committee for Interaction with Non-Governmental Organizations and Citizens' Complaints in the 43rd National Assembly. The Council was chaired by Lyuben Panov – a member of BCNL's Board of Trustees. One of the Council's accomplishments relates to amendments to the Non-Profit Legal Entities Act submitted between the first and the second reading as a result of discussions and meetings with the leaders of the Parliamentary Committee: the amendments pertain to the introduction of a mechanism for financing NPLEs on a competition

basis and the establishment of a Council for the Development of Civil Society. The Public Council also supported the following topics of crucial relevance to NPLEs in 2016:

- Introduction of tax alleviations for foodstuffs donations;
- Submission of a Bill on Volunteering;
- Discussions on civic education standards;
- Introduction of mandatory establishment of local ombudsman's offices in municipalities with a population of over 20,000.

BCNL was actively involved

Open Governance Partnership initiative

in discussing the Third Action Plan under the Open Governance Partnership initiative (adopted by the Council of Ministers in July 2016). As a result of the proposals made by civil society organizations the Plan included: priorities for improving the quality of public consultations; introducing mechanism to facilitate national and local civic initiatives; and updating the Strategy for Supporting Civil Society Organizations.

In 2016 BCNL was for the eighth



The Civil Society Organizations Sustainability Index

time USAID's partner in developing the annual CSO Sustainability Index for Bulgaria. The 2015 Index shows stagnation in the development of the civil society sector. Its 3.3 value remains unchanged for a fourth year in a row and defines the civil society sector in Bulgaria as still unstable. The Index was presented in July at a public event attended by the Ombudsman Maya Manolova and more than 40 CSOs and analysts. According to the data from the indicators monitored during the previous year Bulgaria marks improvement in terms of "organizational capacity", "advocacy", and "service provision". The indicators in stagnation are "financial sustainability", "infrastructure", and "public image of non-governmental organizations". The indicator "legal environment" has deteriorated.

In 2016 we had the opportunity to draft an Ordinance



Sofia – a call for active citizen participation?

on Conducting Public Consultations as an integral part of decision-making at the local level. Within the framework of a project under the Europe Program we proposed to the local authorities in Sofia a mechanism aimed at ensuring more efficient citizen participation in discussions on policies and legislative acts. The proposals included in the draft ordinance were the outcome of expert and public discussions – online and live. Over 100 persons were directly involved in the discussions – representatives of the local administration, businesses, citizens and organizations in the areas of social affairs, education, youth, environmental protection and urban planning. The information



about the process of developing the mechanism reached more than five thousand people.

While the draft Ordinance is at the stage of internal discussions at Sofia Municipality, we remain active in our advocacy for better citizen participation in the city of Sofia.

External development aid for the first time?

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs assigned BCNL the task of carrying out two analyses on the external development aid: “Opportunities for the Provision of Funds for International Cooperation for Development” and “International Cooperation through the Provision

of Development aid – a Comparative Analysis of the legal frameworks in CEE Countries”. In addition, our team drafted a law on external development aid which the MFA team has planned to discuss within a wider circle of organizations.

To Erevan and Skopje

BCNL, in partnership with SOS Children’s Villages – Macedonia and SOS Children’s Villages – Bulgaria, conducted a comparative analysis of social contracting in five European countries and made proposals regarding changes in the Macedonian legal framework. We also worked, jointly with our Macedonian counterparts, on developing a strategic document regarding changes in the regulation of social services.

In May, in Erevan, Armenia we took part in a TOT on the topic of the participation of CSOs in the decision-making process. We presented the international standards for the involvement of the civil society in discussing policies and decisions, some basic rules regarding the organization of advocacy campaigns, as well as the Bulgarian experience. The training gathered representatives of 20 organizations from Armenia working in various public areas. The training was opened by the deputy speaker of the Armenian Parliament, MPs and the deputy head of the Delegation of the European Union in Armenia.

ROGRAMS supporting NGOs

Social Entrepreneurship

BCNL's Social Entrepreneurship Program had its fifth edition in 2016. At the end of February the best business plans were selected and awarded by a jury whose members were:

- Ralitzia Krasteva – Communication expert, Siemens Bulgaria
- Georgi Breskovski – Executive Director, Microfund AD
- Daniel Chipev – Head of Information Directorate, BNT
- Belizar Marinov – Investment Projects Manager, Eleven Start-up Accelerator
- Desislava Talyokova – Executive Director, America for Bulgaria Foundation
- Krum Alexiev – Head of Marketing and Segments Department, Retail Banking Division, UniCredit Bulbank
- Radomir Milanov – Sales Leader, SAP Bulgaria
- Anna Cravero – Program Officer, UniCredit Foundation

The Program so far in figures

- Persons trained under the Program – over **170** people from **146** organizations
- Financial support provided – over **155,000** BGN
- More than **100** business plans developed
- **16** organizations with cash awards



Two organizations were awarded with first prizes by the jury, each of them receiving a cheque of 12,000 BGN to implement its business

idea. The Best Business Idea award was received by the Listen Up Foundation, Sofia, for introducing sign language interpretation via video conference for people with impaired hearing. The Biggest Social Effect award went to the Altruist Association, Varna, for their idea about a workshop manufacturing concrete products in the Varna prison. An additional award of 6,000 BGN went to the Helping Hand Foundation for their idea to develop services for children and adults based on the Montessori system.

It was for the first time that a bazar of social enterprises had been organized during the award ceremony; 12 organizations exhibited their products at the bazar.

In May we launched the competition for the participants in the next, sixth edition of the Program: 22 candidates were shortlisted out of the total of 59. They attended 2 trainings on business planning and public presentation skills. Seventeen of these organizations drew up their business plans, and the winners will be announced in 2017. The Social Entrepreneurship Program has been implemented with the support of our donors the America for Bulgaria Foundation and the UniCredit Foundation.

Social entrepreneurship – an opportunity for discouraged young people

In 2016 BCNL launched, together with UNICEF, a social entrepreneurship program with a different focus - on providing better opportunities for discouraged young people in the regions of Shumen, Sliven and Montana. We carried out analyses in the three regions with the aim to assess whether the environment is conducive to entrepreneurship initiatives encouraging and helping local young people who are not involved in either education or employment to find an alternative. Following several public discussions the Program started by recruiting NGOs that would participate in a series of social entrepreneurship trainings and would subsequently be supported for a business start-up related to their mission.



More about social entrepreneurship...

We continued, jointly with the BCause Foundation, our support for the Social Enterprises Forum which already comprises 13 organizations. The Forum pursues the aim of developing this network of organizations by promoting the exchange of experience and strengthening their advocacy potential.



Fundraising – basic skills for NGOs

The year 2016 was important for our Program for supporting civil society organizations in their fundraising efforts. In May we organized a 2-day training for 26 participants. The knowledge acquired by the participating organizations was mostly in the area of the financial stability of NGOs, their expectations in terms of the partnership with businesses, skills for retaining donors, the types of fund-raising campaigns, and the importance of the organization's image for successful fund-raising. Dilyana Kupenska, For Our Children Foundation, was one of the trainers – a good example for successful fund-raising in Bulgaria. Nine of the trainees designed fund-raising concepts. Six of them received funding for the implementation of the fund-raising strategies proposed.

The financial resources were provided from our fund for covering costs related to the organization of fund-raising campaigns. The names of all the organizations supported by us in 2016 are: Bulgarian Family Planning and Sexual Health Association, Crime Prevention Fund-IGA, Our Premature Children Foundation, Naturalexplorers Foundation, Cancer Patients and Friends Association, Smile Association.

Fundraising for advanced learners

In September we organized a 2-day training whose target group were experienced fund-raising specialists. The fundraisers learnt more about the types of campaigns and the ways to improve their skills from our international trainer Petra Kristianova, a specialist with many years of experience in fund-raising in the Czech Republic. After the training the organizations had the opportunity to develop fund-raising strategies; the authors of the best strategies took part in a study visit to the US in order to learn about the local fund-raising practices and get some ideas for their future campaigns.

A regional grant with VIVACOM

Together with our VIVACOM partners we set up the VIVACOM Regional Grant. The Program aims to provide support to various projects in smaller and larger settlements based on the idea that any location can generate and develop its civil society ideas (the candidates were schools, community centers, and non-governmental organizations). The first edition of the Program enjoyed a huge interest – more than 270 project proposals of which 11 were selected for financing.

The competition jury comprised:

- Vesselka Vutkova – Corporate Communications Director, VIVACOM
- Lyuben Panov – a member of BCNL's Board of Trustees
- Zahari Karabashliev – novelist and playwright
- Iva Doichinova – journalist
- Chris Georgiev – entrepreneur, founder of StartUp Foundation

The projects were implemented at various places: from the village of Izvor, Pernik region, to the town of Varshetz, and from the town of Smolyan to the city of Sofia. And in various areas which ranged from discovering and investigating spatial worlds to growing one's own vegetable garden by school children during their summer vacation; from competitions for the number of books



read by children to acquiring various professional skills in the first school grades.



2016 ARKUTINO Summer School

The NGO Summer School which has become a tradition had its highlights in 2016. It was once again Arkutino that gathered people with different causes and interests but united by the same energy for change and the spirit of empathy in common actions.

It was the fifth year in a row when in early June the life of the NGO group consisted of intensive daily activities, collective tasks, wild beaches and trips to the nature reserve, adventure enigmas, and several days of preparation for presenting the learning outcomes at the end of the training.

Here are some thoughts shared by participants in the NGO Summer School in 2016:

„I believe that most probably starting from next week I'll have the opportunity to use 78% of what I've learnt. And later on, the remaining part.“

Yana

“The summer school is a great opportunity for me to plan my future“

Bekir

“It is at the summer school that I made up my mind to become an advocate.“

Darinka

“I think that the variety of the topics and the combination of various types of knowledge stimulates the real working environment, therefore the knowledge acquired is absolutely applicable.“

Bozhidar

BCNL... as a community



NGO Information Portal (The virtual space for NGOs)

It is the seventh year in a row when the Portal provided space for civil society organization to share in the first person information about the activities they were carrying out and the changes they were achieving. Over 5,000 materials were published in 2016, including: stories, interviews, news, legal analysis, etc. The Portal has 612,000 visits by people not only from Bulgaria. The other countries with more than 1,000 visits are US, Germany, Great Britain, Russia, the Netherlands, Belgium, Greece, Italy, Spain, France, and Austria. We established over 45 partnerships which are a recognition for us but also a responsibility and a promise to make further efforts – in order to continue our development.

At the end of 2016 we launched a section in the Portal dedicated to donors in our country – companies and foundations. This is the section where you will be

able to find information about what donors support, and read stories about donations and reports on corporate social responsibility; the sections will also have useful links to the organizations' own resources. The section has been designed and developed jointly with the Bulgarian Donors' Forum.

www.ngobg.info

NGO House

(The Physical space for NGOs)

Starting with its first year the NGO House became a recognizable space for sharing and accumulating civil society energy. The House has been steadily developing its open community of civil activists which at present comprises:

- **4** permanent offices– the National Youth Forum, TimeHeroes, Citizen Participation Forum, and Listen up Foundation.
- **10** organizations in the co-working space– including The World of Maria Foundation, Bilitis Resource Center Foundation, Institute for Sustainable Development of Tourism Association, Devetashko Plato Association, Mental Disability Advocacy Center, Design for All Foundation, Tempo Foundation, Single Step Foundation, Citizens against Bureaucracy Foundation, and American Councils.
- **36** motivated team members working hard towards the implementation of their missions.
- **60** collaborations among the inhabitants of the House.
- Over **85** events – meetings, seminars, presentations, and workshops for aimed at improving skills – attended by more than **1500** persons.

Here is what some of the participants in these events shared:

“It was great to discover the House! I never miss an event and have been following your calendar with interest.”

„You ensured an interesting topic, a fascinating lecturer, and useful information. We thank you for organizing the event.”

The nomination of the House as the best co-working space in Bulgaria made us really happy. The nomination was within the framework of the initiative “Central European Start-up Awards – CESA”.



NGO HOUSE



The most remarkable event for the House was the Christmas party organized by all its inhabitants. The party was attended by more than 120 friends with whom we marked our 1st anniversary.

www.ngohouse.bg

BCNL... in paintings



An unusual exhibition with an unusual destiny

One of our exceptional accomplishments in 2016 is the exhibition “I decide=Am” initiated by us and supported by our partners – the Bulgarian Association for Persons with Intellectual Difficulties, Global Initiative on Psychiatry-Sofia, and the World of Maria Foundation. 16 paintings which show what it means not having the right to decide for yourself and your life. With tied hands, in a golden cage or sheltered in a warm space under the glass lid of the law – this is how of the author of the exhibition - Nadya Georgieva (Nad) pictured persons with intellectual difficulties and mental issues who are placed under guardianship. Yana Buhner Tavanier presented the finest subtleties of the issue and its solution – the supported decision-making – by writing short texts about the personal stories behind the paintings.

The exhibition was launched on the 9 March. Ever since, in less than one year, the exhibition visited 6 cities in Bulgaria; 5 states, including Bulgaria, Ireland (the University of Galway), Peru (the Congress), Kazakhstan (Almati), and Switzerland; and set foot on three continents – Europe, Latin America and

Asia. An invitation was extended for the exhibition to become part of the UN initiative for marking the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The initiative was officially launched on 2 December at the Wilson Palace in Geneva by the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Katalina Devandas Aguilar, the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Zeid Ra'ad al Hussein, Bulgaria's Ambassador to the United Nations, Deyana Kostadinova, and the team of the Next Step Program.

TEAM, BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND DONORS

BCNL's Board of Trustees:

Velina Todorova (Chairperson of the Board, Associate Professor, PhD in law, member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child), Dessislava Bijeva (lawyer), Katerina Hadzi-Miceva Evans (Executive Director of the European Center for Not-for-Profit Law), David Moore (Vice President of the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law), Tsveta Popova (Associate Professor in Law, St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia), Lyuben Panov (former Director of BCNL, Program Advisor with ECNL), and Nadya Shabani (Director of BCNL).

In 2016 Steven Klingelhofer (former Vice President of ICNL) and Vyara Mukova (lawyer) completed their mandates as members of the Board of Trustees. Our team warmly thanks them for their contribution over the years and the efforts put into our joint work for developing the civil environment in Bulgaria. They will always be a part of BCNL's community.

A new member of our Board (since November) is Tsveta Popova, a lawyer, PhD in Labor Law, and Associate Professor at St. Kliment Ohridski University of Sofia, who has previously worked with BCNL's team on a variety of topics: legal clinics, volunteering, legal capacity, etc.

BCNL team in 2016:

Nadya Shabani (Director), Pavleta Alexieva (Program Director), Plamen Todorov (Finance Manager), Aylin Yumerova (Legal Advisor), Anna Adamova (Legal Advisor), Marieta Dimitrova (Legal Advisor), Vesselin Valev (Legal Advisor – till June 2016), Magdalena Marteva (PR and Fundraising Expert), Evelina Sandalova (NGO House Manager), Georgi Genchev (NGO Portal Manager), Ralitza Nikolova (Editor NGO Portal), Romyana Yotova (Office Manager till July 2016), Binka Ilieva (Office Manager from Sept. till Oct. 2016), Vassya Ilieva (Office Manager since Nov. 2016).

Our donors in 2016:

- America for Bulgaria Foundation
- Open Society Foundation, Switzerland
- Charles Stewart Mott Foundation;
- UniCredit Foundation
- UNICEF Bulgaria
- EU
- Aurubis Bulgaria
- The NGO Program for Bulgaria under the EEA Financial Mechanism

Volunteers:

A part of our team were also the volunteers from the Legal Program – Niya Shvabska, student in Law at New Bulgaria University, and Magdalena Gidikova, student in Law at the University for National and World Economy.

Awards which we received in 2016:

A 2016 award from the World of Maria Foundation in the category "The most active civil society organization"; an award from Listen up Foundation for partnership, and an award from the Bulgarian Food Bank "For Empathy and Support for the Cause".

„Ideas need support, we are grateful to BCNL for being with us in the fight for the existence of the good civic ideas.“

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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 2016, 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 2016, 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, misrepresentations, 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

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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



March 01, 2017

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

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BALANCE SHEET as at 31 December 2016

Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law

ASSETS	Notes	31.12.2016 thous. BGN	31.12.2015 thous. BGN
Non-current assets, net			
Equipment		1	1
Computer technique	3	4	2
Shares and portion in subsidiary company	3	5	5
Loans granted to subsidiaries		11	11
		21	19
Current assets			
Receivables from financing	4	34	37
Cash and cash equivalents	5	760	548
		794	585
Deferred expenses		44	5
Total assets		859	609
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
Equity and reserves			
Other reserve		345	337
		345	337
Current liabilities			
Current liabilities	6	7	8
Unspent from financed project	7	507	264
		514	272
Total equity and liabilities		859	609

Manager:
Nadia Shabani

Compiler:

Donka Ivanovska

17.02.2017

As per auditors report:



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INCOME STATEMENT for the year ended 31 december 2016

Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law

	Notes	2016 thous. BGN	2015 thous. BGN
Revenue from regulated activity	8	614	709
Revenue from donations conditional		613	708
Revenue from donations unconditional		1	1
Financial incomes		27	64
Interest income		5	10
Foreign currency exchange rate gains		22	54
Expenses by regulated activity	9	621	709
Other costs		621	709
Financial expenses		25	41
Foreign currency exchange rate loss		25	41
Other expenses from financial operations			
Result from non-economic activities		(5)	23
Profit from economic activities		13	34
Result for the year		8	57

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INCOME STATEMENT FOR ECONOMIC ACTIVITY for the year ended 31 december 2016

Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law

	Notes	2016 thous. BGN	2015 thous. BGN
Operating incomes business activities	10	50	51
Net sales incomes		50	49
Other incomes		-	2
Financial incomes		4	18
Interest income			1
Foreign currency exchange rate gains		4	9
Positive results from transactions with financial instruments			
Income from participations in subsidiaries		-	8
Expenses by economic elements	11	32	18
Depreciation			1
Materials		2	
Cost of hired services		5	2
Employee expenses		6	11
Cost of insurance		1	1
Other costs		18	3
Financial expenses		7	14
Foreign currency exchange rate loss		5	13
Bank charges		2	1
Profit from operating activities		15	37
Profit before income tax		15	37
Income tax	12	2	3
Profit after tax		13	34
Net profit for the period		13	34

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY for the year ended 31 December 2016

Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law

	Reserves thous. BGN	Financial resul thous. BGN	Total equity thous. BGN
Balance as at 31 December 2014	267	13	280
Financial result for the period		57	57
Balance as at 31 December 2015	267	70	337
Financial result for the period		8	8
Balance as at 31 December 2016	267	78	345

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CASHFLOW

for the year ended 31.12.2016

Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law

Notes	2016 thous. BGN	2015 thous. BGN
Cash flows non-economic activities		
Conditional financing received	829	598
Unconditional financing received	1	
Financing received	7	18
Other received	11	8
Payments to employees	(157)	(162)
Payments to social security	(38)	(35)
Payments for services	(397)	(381)
Grants paid	(24)	(85)
Payments for assets	(4)	(1)
Interest and bank tax paid	(4)	(14)
Other cashflows from operating activities	(66)	(29)
Net cash flows from non-economic activities	158	(83)
Cash flows economic activities		
Received amounts on contracts	82	48
Financing received	1	2
Other receipts	8	19
Payments to suppliers	(23)	(5)
Payments for salaries and social security contributions	(6)	(14)
Tax payments	(4)	(1)
Other cashflows from operating activities	(4)	(13)
Net cash flows from economic activities	54	36
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	212	(47)
Cash as at 01 January	548	595
Cash as at 31 December	760	548

Manager:
Nadia Shabani

Compiler:

Donka Ivanovska

17.02.2016

As per auditors report:

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ending on December 31, 2016

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 2016 are:

- ✓ **Project: ProParticipation**, funded by NGO Programme in Bulgaria under the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area 2009-2015
- ✓ **Project: Promotion of the social enterprises as a mechanism to meet the needs of the most disadvantaged groups of children and young people in Bulgaria**, funded by UNICEF - Bulgaria
- ✓ **Project: Support to Civil Society Organizations Continued and Expanded**, funded by America for Bulgaria Foundation
- ✓ **Project: Support to sustainable development through increased role and participation of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) at democratic changes in Armenia**, funded by European Commission
- ✓ **Project: Visibility, Transparency and Outreach in Practice**, funded by Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
- ✓ **Project Business with a mission**, funded by UniCredit Foundation
- ✓ **Project: Social Entrepreneurship Programme for NGOs**, funded by UniCredit Foundation
- ✓ **Project: Partnership in Strategies and Action**, funded by Bulgarian-Swiss Cooperation Programme
- ✓ **Project: Mission possible: enhanced access to EU funding for financially viable NGOs**, funded by NGO Programme in Bulgaria under the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area 2009-2015
- ✓ **Project: Civil Society House - Community for Development**, funded by NGO Programme in Bulgaria under the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area 2009-2015
- ✓ **Project: Strengthening of Social Enterprise in Bulgaria Forum**, funded by NGO Programme in Bulgaria under the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area 2009-2015
- ✓ **Project: ACT - Active citizenship Together**, funded by EU through Bulgaria - Serbia IPA Cross-border Programme
- ✓ **Project: Advancing CRPD Article 12: NEXT STEP Program in Bulgaria**, funded by Foundation Open Society Institute, Switzerland

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- ✓ **Project: „Next Step: Fight for Irreversibility“**, funded by Foundation Open Society Institute, Switzerland
- ✓ **Project: Innovating European lawyers to advance rights of children with disabilities - No JUST/2015/RCHI/AG/PROF/7362**, funded by European Union
- ✓ **Project: Social Contracting for Sustainability**, funded by European Union
- ✓ **Project: Sofia - a Model for Open Government**, funded by Europe Programme of Municipality of Sofia

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 2016 have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of all the National Accounting Standards applicable in 2016, as of the Balance sheet date of December 31, 2016.

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 2016 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 2016 and 2015 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, 2016, 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.

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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.

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 2016 the following depreciation rates have been used:

- Computers - 50%

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, 2016. For the purposes of the Cash Flow Statement, the cash includes all cash in hand and at bank as of December 31, 2016.

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. 2016 BGN in thousands	31.12. 2015 BGN in thousands
Subsidiary company	5	5
Given loan to subsidiary company	11	11
Total	16	16

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4. Receivables

	31.12. 2016 BGN in thousands	31.12. 2015 BGN in thousands
Receivables from donors	10	34
Receivables from project partners	17	-
Receivables from clients	4	-
Others	3	3
Total	34	37

5. Cash

	31.12. 2016 BGN in thousands	31.12. 2015 BGN in thousands
Cash in BGN	663	544
Cash in foreign currency	97	4
Total	760	548

6. Current Liabilities

	31.12. 2016 BGN in thousands	31.12. 2015 BGN in thousands
Trade payables	2	1
Tax liabilities	2	3
Other liabilities	3	4
Total	7	8

7. Financing

	31.12. 2016 BGN in thousands	31.12. 2015 BGN in thousands
Reminders of financed projects	507	264
Total	507	264

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. 2016 BGN in thousands	For the year ending on 31.12. 2015 BGN in thousands
Recognized income from grants no conditions	1	1
Recognized income from grants under condition-programs	613	708
Total	614	709

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year ending on December 31, 2016

9. Expenses for regulated activity

	For the year ending on 31.12. 2016 BGN in thousands	For the year ending on 31.12. 2015 BGN in thousands
Project costs	621	709
Total	621	709

10. Income of economic activity

	For the year ending on 31.12. 2016 BGN in thousands	For the year ending on 31.12. 2015 BGN in thousands
Income from services rendered	50	49
Others	-	2
Total	50	51

11. Expenses for economic activity

	For the year ending on 31.12. 2016 BGN in thousands	For the year ending on 31.12. 2015 BGN in thousands
Costs of materials	2	1
Costs of hired services	5	2
Payments to employees	7	11
Depreciation	-	1
Other costs	18	3
Total	32	18

12. Tax expenses

	For the year ending on 31.12. 2016 BGN in thousands	For the year ending on 31.12. 2015 BGN in thousands
Current tax expense	2	3
Total	2	3

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

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PROJECTS DURING 2016

Bulgarian Center for Not-for-Profit Law Foundation realised during 2016 the following projects:

1. Contract with Civic Participation Forum Association

Project: ProParticipation

Source of funding: NGO Programme for Bulgaria under the EEA Financial Mechanism 2009–2014

Balance from 2015	-421.97 EUR
Funding received	421.97 EUR
Costs total	0.00 EUR
Balance as of 31.12.2016	0.00 EUR

2. Contract with UNICEF - Bulgaria

Project: Promotion of the social enterprises as a mechanism to meet the needs of the most disadvantaged groups of children and young people in Bulgaria

Source of funding: UNICEF - Bulgaria

Balance from 2015	0.00 BGN
Funding received	4 310.00 BGN
Costs total	3 798.19 BGN
Balance as of 31.12.2016	511.81 BGN

3. Contract with America for Bulgaria Foundation

Project: Support to Civil Society Organizations Continued and Expanded

Source of funding: America for Bulgaria Foundation

Balance from 2015	0.00 BGN
Funding received	356 000.00 BGN
Costs total	81 253.07 BGN
Balance as of 31.12.2016	274 746.93 BGN

4. Contract with Centre for Community Dialogues and Initiatives (CCDI), Armenia

Project: Support to sustainable development through increased role and participation of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) at democratic changes in Armenia

Source of funding: European Commission

Balance from 2015	1 165.12 EUR
Funding received	9 630.00 EUR
Costs total	5 757.55 EUR
Balance as of 31.12.2016	5 037.57 EUR

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5. Contract with Charles Stewart Mott Foundation Project: Visibility, Transparency and Outreach in Practice Source of funding: Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

Balance from 2015	30 985.47 USD
Funding received	60 000.00 USD
Costs total	76 072.59 USD
Balance as of 31.12.2016	14 912.88 USD

6. Contract with UniCredit Foundation Project: Business with a mission Source of funding: UniCredit Foundation

Balance from 2015	0.00 EUR
Funding received	43 068.22 EUR
Costs total	17 437.96 EUR
Balance as of 31.12.2016	25 630.26 EUR

7. Contract with UniCredit Foundation Project: Social Entrepreneurship Programme for NGOs Source of funding: UniCredit Foundation

Balance from 2015	23 147.65 EUR
Funding received	5 000.00 EUR
Costs total	28 147.65 EUR
Balance as of 31.12.2016	0.00 EUR

8. Contract with the Balkan Institute for Labour and Social Policy Project: Partnership in Strategies and Action Source of funding: Bulgarian-Swiss Cooperation Programme

Balance from 2015	-7 188.51 CHF
Funding received	5 728.48 CHF
Costs total	1 460.03 CHF
Balance as of 31.12.2016	0.00 CHF

9. Contract with Bulgarian Society for the Protection of Birds Association Project: Mission possible: enhanced access to EU funding for financially viable NGOs Source of funding: NGO Programme in Bulgaria under the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area 2009-2014

Balance from 2015	1 374.76 EUR
Funding received	3 980.06 EUR
Costs total	5 354.82 EUR
Balance as of 31.12.2016	0.00 EUR

10. Contract with Institute Open Society Foundation – Sofia Project: Civil Society House - Community for Development

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Source of funding: NGO Programme in Bulgaria under the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area 2009-2014

Balance from 2015	-1 098.33 EUR
Funding received	8 781.10 EUR
Costs total	7 672.77 EUR
Balance as of 31.12.2016	0.00 EUR

11. Contract with Bulgarian Charity Aid Foundation (BCAF) Project: Strengthening of Social Enterprise in Bulgaria Forum Source of funding: NGO Programme in Bulgaria under the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area 2009-2014

Balance from 2015	-3 570.50 EUR
Funding received	4 920.99 EUR
Costs total	1 350.49 EUR
Balance as of 31.12.2016	0.00 EUR

12. Contract with PIRGOS Association, Serbia Project: ACT – Active Citizenship Together Source of funding: EU through Bulgaria - Serbia IPA Cross-border Programme

Balance from 2015	-5 094.91 EUR
Funding received	0.00 EUR
Costs total	0.00 EUR
Balance as of 31.12.2016	-5 094.91 EUR

13. Contract with Foundation Open Society Institute, Switzerland Project: Advancing CRPD Article 12: NEXT STEP Program in Bulgaria Source of funding: Foundation Open Society Institute, Switzerland

Balance from 2015	87 447.77 USD
Funding received	51 517.18 USD
Costs total	120 028.82 USD
Balance as of 31.12.2016	18 936.13 USD

14. Contract with Mental Disability Advocacy Center – MDAC, Budapest Project: "Innovating European lawyers to advance rights of children with disabilities" - No JUST/2014/RCHI/AG/PROF/7362 Source of funding: European Union

Balance from 2015	0.00 EUR
Funding received	11 686.11 EUR
Costs total	7 841.90 EUR
Balance as of 31.12.2016	3 844.21 EUR

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15. Contract with SOS Children's Village Macedonia

Project: Social Contracting for Sustainability

Source of funding: European Union

Balance from 2015	0.00 EUR
Funding received	13 552.64 EUR
Costs total	10 956.92 EUR
Balance as of 31.12.2016	2 595.72 EUR

16. Contract with Foundation Open Society Institute, Switzerland

Project: Programme Next Step - Fight for Irreversibility

Source of funding: Foundation Open Society Institute, Switzerland

Balance from 2015	0.00 USD
Funding received	50 996.75 USD
Costs total	0.00 USD
Balance as of 31.12.2016	50 996.75 USD

17. Contract with Municipality of Sofia

Project: Sofia - a Model for Open Government

Source of funding: Europe Programme of Municipality of Sofia

Balance from 2015	0.00 BGN
Funding received	11 861.60 BGN
Costs total	11 861.60 BGN
Balance as of 31.12.2016	0.00 BGN

Date: 03.02.2017

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Director:

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