



NATIONAL NETWORK FOR CHILDREN

A CHANGE IN A CHILD IS A CHANGE FOR BULGARIA



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ABOUT NNC

The National Network for Children (NNC) is an alliance of 131 civil society organisations and supporters, working with and for children and families across the whole country.

Promotion, protection and observing the rights of the child are part of the key principles that unite us. We do believe that all policies and practices, that affect directly or indirectly children should be based first and foremost on the best interests of the child. Furthermore they should be planned, implemented and monitored with a clear assessment of the impact on children and young people, and with their active participation.

OUR VISION

The National Network for Children works towards a **society where every child has their own family and enjoys the best opportunities for life and development**. There is a harmony between the sectoral policies for the child and the family, and the child rights and welfare are guaranteed.

OUR MISSION

The National Network for Children **advocates for the rights and welfare of children** by bringing together and developing a wide, socially significant network of organisations and supporters.

OUR GOALS

- Influence for better policies for children and families;
- Changing public attitudes to the rights of the child;
- Development of a model for child participation;
- Development of the National Network for Children;
- Improving the capacity of the Network and its member organisations;
- Promotion of the public image of the National Network for Children.



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Dear friends,

In 2015 the National Network for Children made a big step forward and reached its 10th anniversary which we are celebrating today. This past year we may call 'the year of new dimensions'. The year when we started many new initiatives, many new ideas laid down in the organisation's strategy. The new dimensions are measured also by some new difficulties, new victories, but to a certain extent – some new disappointments as well.

One of the new dimensions was the launching of **regional coordination** in the National Network for Children. For years now we have been talking about having regional offices, and for the organisations in the country to have regional representation and opportunity for more local initiatives. We have made the first steps along this long road and it is still too early to tell the result, however this year we will continue to work to successfully address this challenge, so that the Network would have many more local activities and initiatives in the different towns and villages in the country.

Another new dimension is one huge project, which is challenging and ambitious, and which mobilises the strengths of the entire Network in turning a dream into reality – to get a **House of Children in Bulgaria**. This is a project which is frightening, but also a project which is motivating; a project which makes us fight for a place where children will feel equal and where we will support them so that they could be active and independent citizens of Bulgaria. This is the dream which will pool our efforts to disseminate and confirm the idea that children are human beings, who have rights, and these rights are specific and we – the adults have to respect these rights.

In this year we achieved also new dimensions in our work, advocating for the rights of the child before government institutions. We have many cases of success, but some failures as well. At last child justice started to be mentioned openly in the public arena. A topic which for many years now we have been fighting to make part of the politicians' agenda, and for the government agencies to start active work on. It is however quite disappointing that the entire justice domain is a topic which is not functioning and is bound by a lot of dependencies. These dependencies are most hurtful for our children.

This year we would like to continue forward and more people to become part of our mission to **protect children and childhood** in our country. We wish to have more strength to be able to ensure that the media would not show children when they are victims or witnesses of crime, because this is not in their interest and leaves permanent mark on their lives. We wish that there would be more programmes for children and more opportunities for play and development.

We promise ourselves that we will work even harder and with more energy to have happier children. Children who believe in themselves and in their strength – that they can change Bulgaria and make it a better place for living and development.

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Vesela Banova

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bogdanov'.

George Bogdanov

THE YEAR FOR THE NETWORK

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are the organisations – members of the National Network for Children in 2015. These organisations work in all areas of child welfare – health, education, child justice, family. More information about the organisations and the regions in Bulgaria where they are active you can find on www.nmd.bg

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new organisations, working with and for children and families joined the Network in 2015. One of them is active in the field of social services, one – in the field of abuse prevention and work with victims of abuse, one – with children with disabilities, one – in the field of child and maternal health, and five – in the field of education.

88 964

children were supported by the work of the NNC member organisations in 2015.

57 068

families were reached and supported by the NNC member organisations in 2015.

13 384

professionals working with and for children and families were supported by the members of the National Network for Children with trainings, qualification and supervision.

3 359

are the people who work with and for the NNC member organisations full or part time.

4 main
areas

There are four main areas of influence, that cover also the Network's thematic working groups – Family, Health, Education and Child Justice.



THE YEAR IN POLICIES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN BULGARIA



'All organisations related to children should work for the best interest of each child.'

Art. 3

Convention on the Rights of the Child
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Average 3.20

is the grade received by the government institutions for the childcare in our country in 2015. *Report card 2015: What is the average government score for childcare?* reviewed the progress of government institutions on their own commitments to the children of Bulgaria and made some recommendations for their better implementation.

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positions, opinions and letters with proposals for changes in the policies for children and families were sent by the Network to the government institutions in the past year.

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were the working groups under various government institutions, in which the National Network for Children took part. Among them were: Working Group for Updating the National Strategy for the Child, National Advisory Council for the Implementation of the National Maternal and Child Health Programme, Advisory Council for the 'Accept Me' Project, Working group for the development of the Action Plan for the National Strategy for Poverty Reduction, etc.

Over 50

were the approved by the government institutions proposals made by the National Network for Children in the past year. The main proposals were submitted for the updating of the National Health Strategy for 2015, and its Action Plan, as well as for the Maternal and Child Health Programme. Other important NNC proposals adopted by the institutions referred to the Pre-school and School Education Act and are related to involving parents in the educational process, equal access to quality education and inclusion of every child and school student, etc. Other successful advocacy activities of our organisation referred to the involvement of NGOs in the development and implementation of the foster care project 'Accept Me 2', some amendment to the Social Assistance Act and addendums to the operational programmes, concerning children and families, and the support provided to them.

Over 10

reports and analyses were drafted and promoted by the National Network for Children in 2015. They were related to child mental health, early childhood development, child protection in Bulgaria, support for parents and others.



Alternative report for the Committee on the Rights of the Child in Geneva

In July the National Network for Children submitted to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child its alternative report on the situation in Bulgaria related to the rights of the child. Besides the experts' perspective it included also the perspective of children and young people. In October representatives of the National Network for Children took part in the Committee preliminary session in Geneva. It was attended also by two Bulgarian girls – Eva (17), who is living and studying in Veliko Tarnovo with the support of SOS – Children's Villages – Bulgaria, and Valeria (16) who is studying in Pavlikeni and is a volunteer at the Centre for Interethnic Dialogue and Tolerance Amalipe. The two girls presented before 18 independent Committee members the topic of violence against and among children. Among the problems presented by the National Network for Children stood out the lack of independent body for efficient protection and ensuring the rights of the child, lack of targeted family policy and family-focused approach, as well as the need for efficient activities for introducing the system of child justice in full compliance with the Convention and the international standards.

Investments in children

In late November the National Network for Children submitted its contribution to the draft General Comment of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child on public spending and the rights of the child. Among the specific proposals were: coordination between the different institutions on the desired impact and the key indicators to measure its achievement, coordination of the data collection mechanism so that it could be most reliable, and especially – consider the introduction of 'a child-centred investment strategy'. The Network submitted also a letter to the Bulgarian MEPs urging them to support the Written Declaration on Investing in Children. The document was adopted by the European Parliament on 8 December 2015 with the signatures of 428 MEPs and turned into the most signed declaration since 2011.



The NNC Opinion on the draft National Child Protection Programme 2015

The Network commented on the National Child Protection Programme, aimed to guide the government child protection policy. The main concerns of the Network were related to the lack of monitoring of the Programme achievements, the elimination of part of the commitments prior to their fulfilment, the need for longer term planning and timely adoption of the Programme for the respective year.

Unaccompanied child refugees

The National Network for Children issued an opinion concerning the Coordination Mechanism for guaranteeing the rights of unaccompanied child refugees. The NNC pointed out that children are a vulnerable group per se, and this is particularly relevant for the unaccompanied children – foreign nationals, who in the majority of cases are completely alone and have no friends or relatives from their extended family, they may rely on. The Network emphasised the need for the cooperation and commitment of each of the responsible institutions – government, municipal, NGO structures and others, for the implementation of their commitments for each individual case. Other major criticism referred to the lack of clear information about the number of unaccompanied children and what was happening to them.

Child poverty

The relative share of poor children in 2014 was 31.7 %, compared to 28.4 % in 2013. Since 2009 the number of poor children has increased by approximately 7 %, and according to NSI data from October 2015, there were some 377,300 Bulgarian children living in poverty. Compared to 2013 the risk of poverty increased by 10.8 % for households with 3 or more children, and by 11.3 % for single-parent households with dependent children. At a meeting of the National Council on Social Inclusion Issues, held on 14 December 2015, the National Network for Children presented its opinion where it calls for the development of independent family policy, focused on prevention and early intervention, and statutory regulation of efficient coordination mechanisms and a new institutional framework, which would separate the protection system from the system of social assistance. This could be implemented by a Child Act and/or a Child and Family Act.

For fourth consecutive year Report Card: What is the average Government score for childcare? reviewed the progress of the government institutions on their own commitments to the children in Bulgaria and made some proposals for their better implementation. The Report Card provided also an opportunity to monitor the trends in the development of policies for children and families in Bulgaria. This year's analysis showed that there were still a number of areas where reforms were slow and the will for change was weak.

REPORT CARD 2015

What is the average Government score for childcare?



Report Card 2015 identified a little progress in childcare – ‘3.20’.

The highest grade in the document was **Good 4.29 for sub-area early childhood education and care**. The progress there was significant compared to the previous year, where it scored Poor 2.86. The increase was due mainly to the actions taken concerning the commitments for introducing early childhood development standards and development of programmes for preschool education and preparation. **2.11 was the lowest grade and it was for sub-area adoption**, which in 2014 was 2.43. Report Card 2015 recognized that the process of adoption in Bulgaria is still not a state priority; it is complicated, confusing and fragmented among numerous agencies.

218 children and young people had the chance to express their point of view on some of the commitments and recommendations in the document. They took part in 4 focus groups and filled out online questionnaire. Thus their opinion and the grades they awarded became part of the full text of Report Card 2015, which for a second consecutive year offered a platform allowing for the voice of children and young people to be heard.

Apart from the analysis of the commitments made by the government, the Report Card paid attention also to 10 issues, which are not present in the government strategies and plans, but are extremely important for improving the lives of children and families in Bulgaria.





‘Ten possible solutions to ten unsolved problems’ which the NNC experts proposed, were:

1. Setting up Children's Ombudsman;
2. Updating the National Housing Strategy from 2004 and approving a package of programmes and legislative changes for its implementation;
3. Developing and approving a comprehensive family policy;
4. Strengthening the capacity of the child protection system;
5. Abolishing the two-shift educational model;
6. Providing free access to pre-school education for all children regardless of their place of residence and social status;
7. Providing mother and baby – friendly health system;
8. Developing an earmarked government policy for investing in and retaining in Bulgaria of professionals with key for the child health occupations;
9. Adopting a policy and encouraging a culture of zero tolerance to child abuse in the society;
10. Developing and applying uniform standards for child-friendly hearing of children.

As part of the Report Card 2015 presentation before the institutions and the public 4 short documentaries were distributed on the following topics: 'Does the Government provide adequate support to parents?'; 'Could you be able to live in a normal way if you receive only social assistance benefits?', 'How are we going to live together if we don't go to school together?'; and 'Who are the children in conflict with the law?'. With these documentaries the NNC drew attention to the fact that if families at risk receive adequate and timely support, many children would not be abandoned or separated from their families; the destiny of over 6,000 children who every year are being referred to the Juvenile Delinquency Offices is dependent on the work with their families and the attitudes of the adults whom children meet in their life; inclusive education is for all the children, and not only for children with SEN; and challenged the legend that it is possible to live in a normal way only on social assistance benefits.

Report Card 2015 grades are:

General principles of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child	3.06
Family Environment and Alternative Care	2.61
Healthcare	3.31
Education	3.62
Child Justice	3.30
Annual grade	3.20

THEMATIC AREA: FAMILY



'Children should not be separated from their parents unless it is for their own benefit – for example, if the parent mistreats or neglects a child. Children whose parents are separated have the right to remain in contact with both parents, unless this would harm them.'

Art. 9

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The National Network for Children is working for providing family care for every child and a separate policy for family support.

Vision for family policy

The National Network for Children has launched the development of a Vision for comprehensive family policy supporting children and families, and facilitating parents, and family-focused government approach providing real outcomes.

Most of the current policies in place affect parents, however without being linked in a system of targeted support activities. There are over 20 primary and secondary legislative acts and strategies in our country regulating the support for families and children; however they are not integrated to address in a complex manner the existing needs and problems. 91 percent of parents in Bulgaria do not believe that the state provides efficient support to the families.

That is exactly why the National Network for Children called for the development of independent family policy, involving different forms and measures for family support – family allowances, tax alleviations, working conditions, accessible and sufficient number of services and forms of childcare and eliminating the practice of discrimination of children based on their birth order.

Social Services Act

The Network submitted a comment on the Concept and Draft Bill for Social Services with a view of the need to improve the legislative framework for real positive effect on the lives of services users, their actual inclusion into society and respect for their rights.

National Network for Children supports the view that inequalities of all suppliers and confusion of roles in planning, management and control of services is one of the key challenges that are important for improving the quality of social services and their effectiveness, efficiency and innovation.





Deinstitutionalisation

The Network submitted an opinion on the need for taking measures to guarantee the implementation of the deinstitutionalisation process in the best possible way, so that it would be in the best interests of the child, and not an end in itself.

Since the beginning of the reform and the launch of the pilot projects, the organisation has repeatedly alerted about a number of daunting issues, including specific cases of violating the rights of children and their families, as well as about the need to shift the focus of the DI process from the numbers, filling up the buildings and meeting project indicators and deadlines, towards ensuring the best interests of children and their parents.

Foster care

This year again systematic efforts were made for the development of foster care and its understanding not as a substitute, but as a shared care, and the protection of the rights and needs of the child to be provided also in the light of the needs of the child's parents and birth family. The main recommendations made were for decentralised approach to planning and working, and for identification of the main competences that foster parents need to have based on the children's profiles. In 2015 the National Network for Children was included in the Advisory Experts' Council in connection with the new foster care operation under the Accept Me 2015 Project, where the organisation supported the project planning, implementation and monitoring in accordance with the government policy and good European and international practices.

THEMATIC AREA: EDUCATION



'All children and young people are entitled to basic education which shall be free. Rich countries should support the poor countries in achieving this. Discipline in schools should respect human dignity. Young people should be encouraged to reach the highest educational levels they are able to.'

Art. 28

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The National Network for Children is working for achieving functional literacy and numeracy for all children, so that they could become competitive and active citizens, capable of critical thinking and making free choices.

Pre-school and School Education Act

The Network was an active participant in the preparation of the new Pres-school and School Education Act. The main emphasis in the NNC positions was the introduction of the concept of school autonomy; facilitating the entrance in the teaching profession and support for teachers; fine tuning of the funding allocations to schools, and involving the parents. The Network has been also working actively to unite NGO experts on a common philosophy and concept for inclusive education, and took part in a number of discussions specifically on this topic of the Act.

State Educational Standards

The National Network for Children issued an opinion also on the first three state educational standards, drafted and presented in late 2015. These were the standards on general education training, on the Syllabus, and on Cognitive books, textbooks and teaching aids. Along with the positive steps like identifying the key competencies and binding them with the school subjects, and the attempts to balance the syllabus, we pointed out several texts that were alarming, like the envisaged unjustified extension of the school year and the curricula being still too academic.

We also proposed more school hours for physical activity of children and school students, as well as strengthening the interdisciplinary links, and not fragmenting the school subjects.

The Network expressed its willingness to take part in the working groups on the rest of the state educational standards, which were to be developed and become integral part of the Pre-school and School Education Act.





Mechanism to counteract school bullying

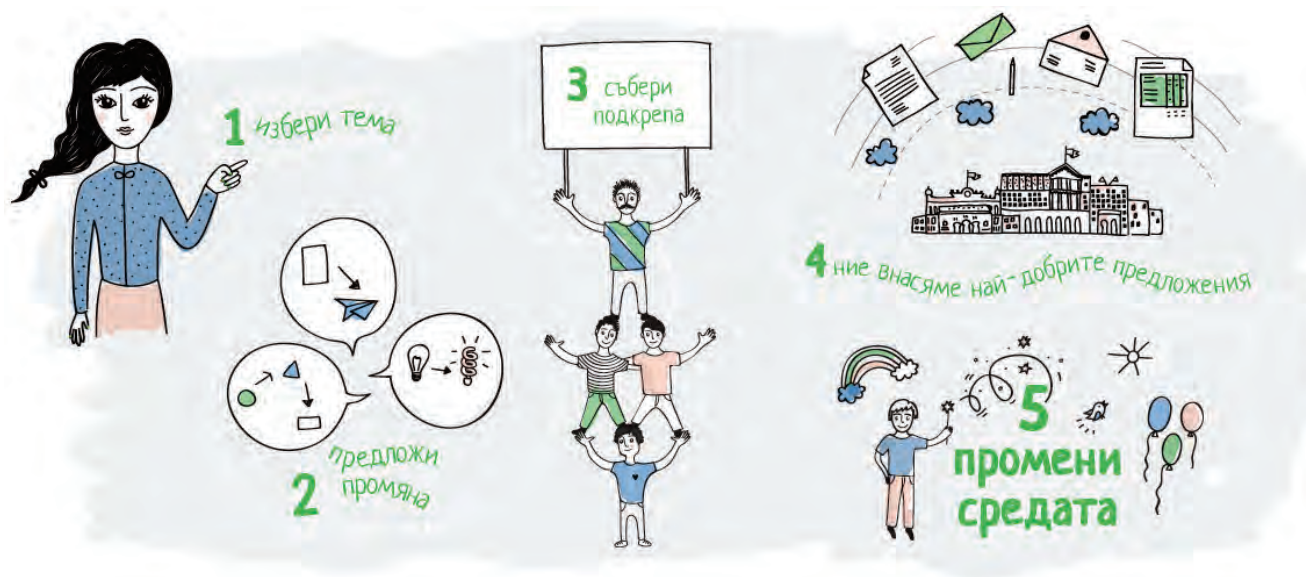
The National Network for Children took active part in the development of algorithm for the implementation of the Mechanism to counteract school bullying. NNC experts worked closely with representatives of the Ministry of Education and Science, *Child and Space Association*, *Animus Association Foundation* and UNICEF.

They agreed that there should be a register of the acts of violence at school; however the access to this register would need to be limited only to the team of pedagogical experts who work directly on the cases – with the children and their families.

The mechanism for bullying prevention and its algorithm gives also a clear definition of the different types of violence and bullying and equips the teaching staff with clear tools and intervention methodology.

Our Voice Platform

The National Network for Children joined the initiative of the Bulgarian Centre for Not-for-Profit Law to activate people to start making proposals and comments on important and relevant for the civil sector issues. The National Network for Children was the moderator of the topic on Civic Education – what is its essence, is it important for civic education to be compulsory part of the curriculum, etc.



THEMATIC AREA: HEALTH



'Children have a right to high quality health care, clean water, nutritious food and clean environment in order to be healthy. Rich countries should help poor countries to achieve this.'

Art. 24

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The National Network for Children is working for the physical, mental and social welfare of all children through providing healthy environment and access to quality health services.



Maternal and child health

The Network welcomed the updating of the National Health Strategy for 2015 and its Action Plan, as well as the adoption of the National Programme for Maternal and Child Health. In these national strategic documents we saw commitments made in response to a number of recommendations from the NNC Report Card and from various positions and opinions we kept submitting over the years. In 2015 the Network worked on the advocacy priority in Health thematic area: 'Prevention of abandonment and support to families at maternity ward level'.

One of the specific ideas for meeting this priority was the appointment of a psychologist and/or social worker in the maternity wards of big hospitals.

We considered as big success that in the Action Plan for the updated National Health Strategy for 2015 we saw such a commitment being made, and adopted by the government. The NNC had a meeting with representatives of the Ministry of Health where the organisation shared its readiness to work together with the Ministry for implementing it.

However, the most vulnerable children and families do not receive sufficient and timely health support. Network alarms for deficiencies in implementation and enforcement of Ordinance 26 for a free medical examinations of uninsured pregnant women. The lack of this examinations could have serious negative consequences on the health and life of the pregnant woman and her baby.





Mental health

The national Network for Children calls for the development of a targeted government policy for mental health care and of a network of services aimed at mental health care. This is particularly relevant for the measures taken in the area of child mental health with a view of the insufficient number of specialists and the difficult access to services.

In 2015 some NNC experts drafted a thematic summary on the topic of child mental health and highlighted the need for more community-based day care centres and services for people with mental health problems. It also emphasized the significance of the links between the health and social systems for support to children with mental health problems and their families, and for overcoming the stigma.

Health insurance

The Network made comments on the Act amending the Health Insurance Act, and insisted that children and pregnant women should be guaranteed full package of health services. Another accent was the introduction of integrated health-educational-social services.

A main principle that should be advocated for according to the Network is to look for, analyse and remove the causes for the high percentage of people without health insurance, however this should not be done by only imposing sanctions, but by using some support approaches as well.

Prevention of early childbirths

The NNC drew the attention to the lack of a comprehensive national programme with earmarked funding to offer a systematic and integrated approach for prevention of early childbirths and abortions. This programme should encourage the development of family planning and to support the access to modern contraceptives and health education. Network experts continued to actively advocate for the introduction of health education in school and for raising the children's and young people's culture for protection of and care for their own health.

THEMATIC AREA: CHILD JUSTICE



'Children who break the law should not be treated with cruelty. They should not be detained in prisons with adults and should continue to maintain contact with their families.'

Art. 37

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The National Network for Children is working for justice consistent with the interests and the age of children, providing them with the necessary care, child-friendly process and procedures.

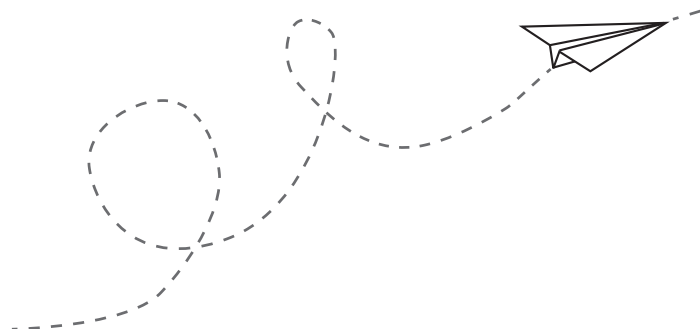


**EVERY DAY WITHOUT REFORM OF CHILD
JUSTICE IS ONE DAY LESS CHILDHOOD.
LET'S ASK FOR CHANGE NOW!**

Child Justice

In 2015, the National Network for Children actively participated in the working group set up at the Ministry of Justice for drafting a new Child Justice Act to replace the outdated Juvenile Delinquency Act (Act for Combating Anti-Social Behaviour of Minor and Underage Children). The aim of the new law is to reform the child justice system with a view to ensuring children's rights and providing coordination with the child protection system.

The National Network for Children followed the issue of respecting the rights of the child before, during and after court proceedings in civil justice.





Childhood without Bars Campaign

In September 2015 the NNC, together with the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee and the Social Activities and Practices Institute (SAPI) launched the campaign Childhood without Bars, which aims to support the efforts for developing a new Child Justice Act. Currently there is a petition, informing the public about the need for reform. For several months the petition managed to get over 4,500 signatures. Partners sent an open letter to the institutions and are implementing a media campaign for greater public visibility of the reform objectives.

Children in Socio-Pedagogical Boarding Schools (SPBS) and Correctional Boarding Schools (CBS)

NNC made recommendations to the amendments in the Rules of organisation and operation of correctional boarding schools (CBS) and socio-pedagogical boarding schools (SPBS), which aim to improve the operation of these institutions until the new Child Justice Act would become a fact. The recommendations relate to removal of the educational component of these boarding facilities. Other refer to the individual work with children, to their stay in SPBS and CBS, which currently could be extended with no justification, and to the development of additional mechanisms for care and support for the children placed. Monitoring and support for children leaving boarding schools during their transition to independent living was also raised as an urgent need..

Penal Code

The network responded to the proposal for amendments to the Criminal Code, which aims to eliminate the 'disadvantaged situation of the adult perpetrator as compared to the underage one' in art. 78a. According to the NNC this proposal is in breach of all international and European standards for treatment of juvenile offenders, as well as of the philosophy of the Bulgarian Penal Code. The Network reminded that childhood is a special period of the individual's development, when one's psyche is not yet formed as it is in the adults. In this sense, children are not mini-adults with mini-rights, but bearers of human rights, who need greater protection, given their vulnerability, age and situation.

CHILD PARTICIPATION



We in the NNC believe that young people have the right to opinion and participation on matters affecting their lives. Encouraging the child to make choices teaches him or her to be independent, and exercising the right to opinion is a process in which the child learns to form and express thoughts. If the child takes part in making the decisions about his or her life, he or she would know how to do that much better when he or she grows up, including because he or she would know that making the decisions is followed by a commitment and responsibility for their implementation.

Working group *Child and Youth Participation*

In 2015 based on the priority work in the field of participation of children and young people a *Child and Youth Participation* working group was established.

Members of this group are NNC member organisations experienced and interested in, and willing to develop approaches for involving children and young people. From its very inception the working group had 20 member organisations.

The first meeting of the working group was held in May 2015 in Veliko Tarnovo where the aims and objectives and the form of the group were discussed. The opportunities for sharing and peer learning, promoting the principle and the right to opinion and participation, and the support for the Megaphone Youth Network were outlined as the main strands of the group activity.

Youth network *Megaphone*

Youth network *Megaphone* is a network of children and young people at the National Network for Children which enables them to get involved in the work of the Network. *Megaphone* members are children and young people who are volunteers or clients of our member organisations who have expressed their willingness and commitment to take part in the activities and projects of the Network in their own way.

Every year in September a new group of children and young people go to an Autumn Camp. This year's Autumn Camp brought together 16 young people from 8 member organisations.

During the camp, young people and adults examine what is child and youth participation, why it is important and how to recognise situations where it is needed. In spring there is a Spring Camp, where young people continue to develop their skills to form a position, skills for communication including with adults and organisations, planning, etc.

It supports the development of the Youth Network *Megaphone* – both in strategic and operational terms – regarding the upcoming by the end of the year challenges and activities, envisaging the participation of children and young people. Children and young people who have been at the Autumn and Spring camps take part in the annual NNC meeting in June. This is the last step of the *Megaphone* 'annual cycle', which aims to contribute for the young people's skills for full participation, and to disseminate and explain the Youth Network *Megaphone* to the representatives of NNC member organisations.

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„Конвенция за правата на детето“
(адаптирано издание за деца,
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„Децата имат право да дават
своето мнение, когато възрастните
взимат решения, които ги засягат.
Също така те имат право тяхното
мнение да бъде зачитано.“



Development of Megaphone through the eyes of the young people

- We have already a clear idea when a participant turns into a member, precisely through the completion of this cycle, however underlining that it is only conventional and is still not functioning perfectly.
- We have a logo.
- Active members familiar with the work of *Megaphone* and highly motivated for its development. The need to recruit new, committed and active young people became clear.
- There is already an active working group, which follows in detail the development and activities of *Megaphone*. In addition the meetings of members are now more frequent, which contributes for more and better work.
- *Megaphone* is gaining popularity and is now available and recognised by schools and other types of institutions (we are present in the Internet).
- Young co-facilitators – members have the opportunity to present *Megaphone* ideas to the future network members.
- **Developing a plan** – ‘synchronizing the clocks’ – this kind of work enables us to do more precise and meaningful work during the year – it still needs improving, especially we should start developing annual plans.
- **Build a sense of belonging** – members perceive themselves and the network (*Megaphone*) as one entity, and have a sense of responsibility to it and the people in it;

Small videos on big issues

In support of the adults and civil organisations involved with the right of the child to participation, the National Network for Children encouraged teams of young people to make videos on pressing issues and searching for their solutions. Seven local teams from 7 different settlements joined the initiative, each of them involving at least 1 *Megaphone*-participant as a member. They independently came up with a concept, made a plan and recorded their youth videos, consulted and supported by the National Network for Children.

Most of the teams finished their work for only three weeks and the videos of 5 of the teams were presented at the NNC youth event – VOICE IT: Your opinion matters!

VOICE IT: YOUR OPINION MATTERS!



Almost 200 young people and representatives of organisations working with and for children from all over Bulgaria got together in Hall No. 8 of the National Palace of Culture on November 20th to participate in the *VOICE IT: Your Opinion Matters!* youth forum. The event was organised by the National Network for Children with its *Megaphone Youth Group* members being the drivers of this initiative. The event was organised to mark the 26th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

The aim of this event was on the anniversary of the UN Convention to voice different ways for participation of children and young people in the processes and the decisions, affecting their lives. The event promoted observing the rights of the child as a necessary condition for their full development and welfare, as well as for turning them into successful and responsible adults. Special emphasis was placed on the right to opinion and participation, which is also a main principle of the UN Convention – to a great extent instrumental for exercising the other rights.

During the *VOICE IT: Your Opinion Matters!*, three exciting ideas and initiatives implemented by children with support from adults were presented. Several youth groups presented the videos they have made on the topic '*The change we are looking for*' which concern major issues such as sexual and civic education of young people, lack of tolerance and school violence.





In the afternoon, the event split into different discussion-panels, stands and workshops which offered all attendees a form for participation they found most interesting: UNICEF facilitated *How to do a child's rights class in 4 steps and 45 minutes?* *How to pull the civil rights out of the corner?* and *How to turn the ideas into reality?* were the topics of other two workshops, organised by Megaphone experts and members. Flower Theatre Company performed two scenes of a Forum Theatre (interactive theatre) with the participation of young people and the audience. The organisations which presented their work at their stands during the event were: *For Our Children*, National Alliance for Volunteers, *Books for Children Foundation*, The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award, Youth Initiative Group *Kraimorie*, *Helping Hand Foundation*, *Step for Bulgaria Foundation*, *Integra Bulgaria Association*, Bulgarian Safer Internet Centre, the *Childhood Without Bars* campaign of the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee, SAPI and the National Network for Children, P.U.L.S. Foundation, *2001 Social Dialogue Association* and *Wishbox*.

Volunteers from IBM Bulgaria also joined the event, and answered some career development related questions to interested young participants. The Bulecopack Jsc., active in the waste and packages recycling had a stand where they presented in a very interesting way the benefits of separate waste collection.



The event was organised under the *Megaphone: Children and Youth Participation for Better Citizenship Project* implemented with the financial support of NGO Program in Bulgaria under the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area. Forum partners were the National Palace of Culture, Dir.bg and Dnevnik.

THE YEAR IN CAMPAIGNS AND PROJECTS



The School as a Community Centre

In late 2014, 13 schools were selected to start work on the model *School as a Community Centre*. They had induction training in that model at the end of January 2015 delivered by international experts. Eight moderators experienced in educational processes from the NNC member organisations worked in the field with the schools and actively supported them for introducing the model in practice. Over the course of the year the schools implemented a number of activities and services based on the specific characteristics of their communities. Experts from the Network helped them deliver training to their teaching staff, as well as to the parents, and to improve the work with them.

This model encourages schools to develop under nine quality standards – leadership, partnership, social inclusion, services, volunteering, lifelong learning, community development, involvement of parents and families, and school culture.

Among the specific activities for inclusion in the community performed by the schools, were workshops for children and families, social inclusion programmes, volunteering and fundraising campaigns, adult literacy trainings, summer schools, preparatory classes for newly enrolled children and their parents, career guidance and lifelong learning, projects for improving the physical environment, etc..



Childhood without Bars

In Bulgaria, children are often deprived of their liberty unlawfully or arbitrarily for prolonged periods of time. In these cases there is a high record of violence and abuse of children, placements in facilities with unacceptable material conditions, no access to education and lack of adequate medical care. Our country has been repeatedly criticised by various international and national organisations for its inadequate to the rights of the child judicial system. Being deprived of liberty is not only harmful for the child but it also does not help prevent repeating the offence.

The campaign is fighting for a comprehensive approach to children in conflict with the law, which would perceive the child, regardless whether a victim or a perpetrator, first and

foremost as a child. The main goals are for the repeal of the outdated Juvenile Delinquency Act and adoption of a new law on child justice, closing of socio-pedagogical boarding schools and reforming correctional boarding schools coordinated with the development of new services, measures and alternatives to detention, and ending the violence in closed institutions.

Everyone can sign on the NNC website the petition organised as part of this campaign.

The National Network for Children is a part of the *Childhood without Bars* Campaign together with the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee and the Social Activities and Practices Institute.

Opening Doors for Europe's Children

is a joint campaign of Eurochild and *Hope and Homes for Children* to reform the institutional care for children in Europe. This initiative is being implemented at European and national level in partnership with organisations from 12 European countries, including: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine.

The National Network for Children is the campaign's partner and coordinator for Bulgaria.

In 2015 the Network continued to coordinate its advocacy activities for improving the deinstitutionalisation process with the European efforts in that direction.

Within the Eurochild network the NNC is a member of the thematic task force group "Children in alternative services and forms of care" and the group "Supporting parents and families," where have the opportunity to exchange information and to use the resources and experience of a number of experts and academics from various European countries.

Adoption

The National Network for Children, together with the Bulgarian Association of Adoptive Parents and Adoptees (BAAPA), in partnership with the Ministry of Justice and with the support of the French Embassy in Bulgaria organised a forum on the topic 'The right to know your origin – faces of adoption'. The event focused the public attention on the right of adopted people to know their biological origin. Soon after that at the Ministry of Justice was formed a working group to prepare amendments to the Family Code, which would regulate the procedure for receiving information about the birth origin of the adoptees.



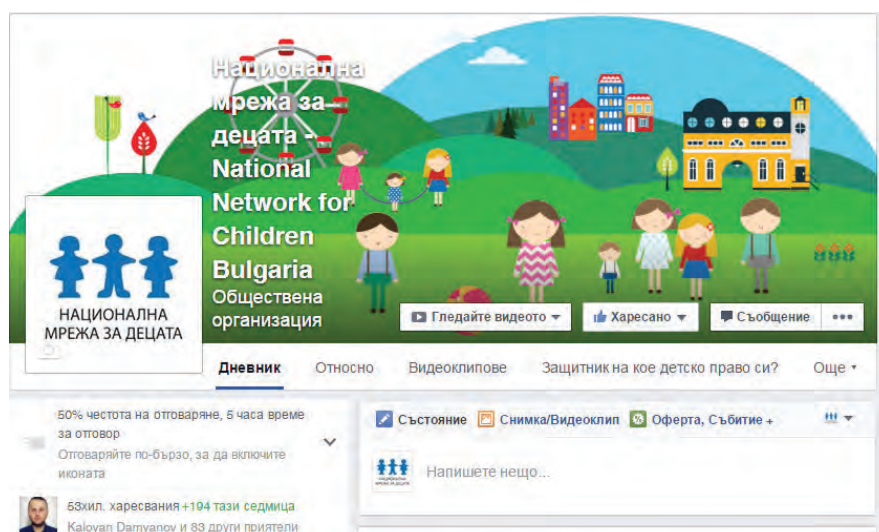
55,000 friends in Facebook

follow the National Network for Children. Every month there are nearly 100 posts published by the NNC on its Facebook page.

Current news about the lives of children and families in Bulgaria are published every day on the NNC website.

It has 45,000 unique visitors per month.

The NNC Bulletin reaches 5,600 subscribers. You also may like our page in the social media www.facebook.com/nmdbg and visit our website www.nmd.bg.



HOUSE OF CHILDREN



In 2015 the National Network for Children launched a wide scale project for building a House of Children in Sofia.

This will be a place where children and young people will learn their rights in an enjoyable way in open and interactive sessions, a place for inspiration and sharing of experience.



The House of Children shall be run as a social enterprise, where young people leaving institutional care, foster care or other form of care will be hired in order to develop work habits and lead an independent and decent life.

The house will be a place for meetings, trainings, exchange of good practices and upgrading the capacity of all over 130 NNC member organisations. Thus the NNC shall continue the development of a strong and functional NGO community, advocating for child and family rights and welfare.

Our vision for the House of Children is to turn it into a focal point of training and developing initiatives for children and young people from the whole country regardless of their social status. The House will be open for all Bulgarian children, and will work not only with disadvantaged children or children with special needs.

The House of Children's main aim is to help children and young people in Bulgaria to grow up as active and responsible citizens.

Along with the basic trainings in children's rights, we would like to also deliver different modular trainings on topics such as:

- health and sexual culture;
- leadership and communication skills;
- teamwork and conflict resolution;
- civic education and democracy;
- role of institutions;
- financial culture and entrepreneurship;
- Internet safety;
- ecology and sustainable development;
- career guidance, etc.

Except for children and young people, the House will offer trainings also for parents and other adults providing support.

The House of Children shall be implemented pursuant to the decision of the NNC General Meeting from June 2014 and is part of the NNC Strategy for 2015-2020.

The House will be a place for meetings, trainings, sharing of good practices and upgrading the capacity of all over 130 member organisations of the National Network for Children. It will have conference rooms, office space and accommodation areas thus providing opportunities for organising various events.

Since getting a house is not an easy endeavour, the National Network for Children, started a fundraising campaign for building the House. The first campaign finished in the beginning of December 2015. We would like to thank Mariela, Dessi Hristova, Nevil Jones, Gergana Stoicheva Lagro and George Bogdanov that they were among the first to support the project and contributed not only money but also their thrust in it. We genuinely appreciate this gesture.

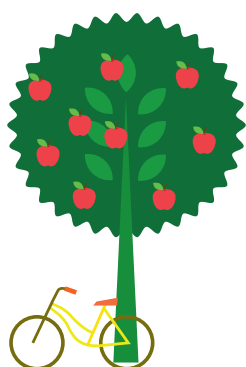
Our work under the project is not only about fundraising for the architectural plan and construction, we are making also a lot of efforts to assess the training needs and plan the knowledge and skills which will be gained and applied in the House of Children.



**We need also
your support!**

Join the fundraising campaign for building the House of Children.

You can follow the project at www.nmd.bg and support it directly via e-pay or by a bank transfer.



ANNUAL GOLDEN APPLE AWARDS



On 1st of June, for fifth consecutive year, the National Network for Children presented its annual awards for contributions to the Bulgarian children's lives and welfare – the Golden Apple. The event took place at the Independent (Modern) Theatre.

The awards aim to promote the necessity of special attention to children and their rights at all levels of society as well as to encourage good practices in all areas of child live and welfare.

Hero of Children

On the fifth year of presenting the Golden Apple awards for contribution to the lives and welfare of children in Bulgaria, **Mothers of children with disabilities** were declared Heroes of Children, nominated and selected by the public. Over 1,000 people voted in this category.

Special Contribution Award

The Special Contribution Award received **Nevena Madzharova**, Chairperson of the Board of the Not-for-Profit Organisations Club – Targovishte, for her long career in advocating and work in the field for supporting children and their families.

Special Achievement Award

The National Network for Children presented Golden Apple for Special Achievement to **Kalin Kamenov, Deputy Minister of Youth and Sports** for his special attitude and proactive approach in support of children and young people.



In 2015 awards were presented in the categories: Journalist, Municipality, School and Hospital. The NNC members nominated the individuals and organisations who received diplomas and chocolate statuettes. The awards also told 20 stories of heroes of children – ordinary people who had significant contributions for improving the lives of children in Bulgaria.

The guests enjoyed the fantastic performance of the students from Lyubomir Pipkov National School of Music. The National Network for Children would like to thank its partners: *GlaxoSmithKline Bulgaria, Bulgarian Young Animators of Golden Apple, Arteria Films, Workshop for Handmade Chocolate Perfetta, Pernod Ricard Bulgaria, Vodi4ka.com, Party Service, HeliumBG and for the media support to Capital Light and Programata.*

Municipality

Pavlikeni was presented with Golden Apple in Municipality category. At the nominations it was named as 'the most social municipality in the country'. The social services available on its territory provide a welcoming and safe place for developing the social skills of children

and young people. The efforts of the municipality team contribute for the development and improving the parental capacity and facilitate the work of self-help groups for parents to strengthen the relations between children and their families.



Journalist

As Journalist of the Year was declared **Zlatina Dimitrova from Webcafe.bg.**

In her publications she covers social topics such as the rights of the child, education, violence against children, NGOs projects, children with special needs and many others.

In her work she makes in-depth analyses, seeks to show different perspectives, to provide critical justifications, while provoking the readers.



School

The chocolate statuette for School category went to **171st Stoil Popov Primary School in Novi Iskar**, for the active work of its Club *Folklore of different ethnicity groups – Roma Folklore*, and for the active participation and attitude of teachers, students and parents on the pressing issues of discrimination and violence.

The Club is working to develop creativity in children, to create a friendly atmosphere, to build an attitude of tolerance, responsibility, mutual support and respect to the rights of others. These attitudes are transferred into the families as well.



Hospital

Golden Apple Award was presented to **Shumen General Hospital (MBAL)** for their attitude towards maternal and child health not only in terms of their medical needs, but also for the development of social services and psychological support.

The hospital is characterised by its attention not only to the patients, but also to its staff. It offers counselling to children and parents for better adaptation to the hospital stay, crisis intervention for children and families after car accidents, etc.



NETWORK DEVELOPMENT



Over 80

consultations the National Network for Children provided to its members and other organisations. The consultations referred to all the issues that the Network member organisations were interested in – from connecting with partners and support for the organisation of various events, to advice on project proposals.

At least 8

were the sustainable partnerships between organisations established through the Network which provided new care opportunities for the children these organisations are working with.

Thematic working groups

Four are the thematic working groups in which the member organisations of the National Network for Children work – *Family* with 66 participants, *Health* with 40 participants, *Education* with 65, and *Child Justice* with 36 participants.

The role of these groups is to provide opportunities for the organisations to exchange experience and good practices, and also to discuss the main advocacy topics of the Network. In 2015 the thematic working groups developed new advocacy plans and set new advocacy goals.

Good practices

In 2015 the National Network for Children promoted dozens of good practices of its members.

Majority of them were included in manuals to support experts and organisations in their work with children. Among them was also the practice of *Helping Hand* Foundation, which was included the *Investing in Children* Implementation Handbook.



International relations

The National Network for Children is a member and national partner of the European child rights network Eurochild, and the Executive Director George Bogdanov is a member of its Management Board. The Network takes part in the groups *Family Support*, *Child Participation* and *Children in*

Alternative Care. The National Network for Children is a co-founder of ChildPact, the Black Sea Regional Coalition for Child Protection, working to develop protection mechanisms and mechanisms for their funding for the children from the Black Sea region. Members of ChildPact are coalitions for children from Serbia,

Romania, Moldova, Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia and Kosovo. The organisation is also member of the International *Step by Step* Association, active in the field of early childhood development.



Regional Coordination

2015 was particularly exciting due to the new challenge the Network faced, i.e. – the introduction of the new unit of regional coordinators.

Regional coordination was introduced due to the need for more activities at local and regional level, shared by the NNC members during the development of our Strategy for the period 2015-2020.

The NNC member organisations decided to establish a regional coordination mechanism during the Conference of the Future, and later it was confirmed with the adoption of the Strategy by the NNC General Meeting in June 2014.

The main goals for the development of regional coordination are: raise the efficiency of the Network operation, support the member organisations and, respectively support their work within the Network and encourage the activities at local and regional level.

The agreed regional coordination mechanism involves 8 regions:

- Northeast (Varna, Dobrich)
- Northeast Central (Razgrad, Novi Pazar, Targovishte and Silistra)
- North Central (Rousse, Pleven, Gabrovo, Veliko Tarnovo, Lovech)
- Southeast (Bourgaz, Yambol, Sliven)
- Southeast Central (Stara Zagora, Chirpan, Kazanlak, Dimitrovgrad, Haskovo, Kardzhali)
- Southwest Central (Plovdiv, Pazardzhik, Rakitovo)
- Northwest (Vratsa, Biala Slatina, Montana, Berkovitsa, Vidin)
- Southwest (Pernik, Trun, Gotse Delchev, Dupnitsa, Kyustendil, Sofia region)

Every region has a Regional Council where each NNC member organisation from the said region is represented. The Regional Council decides what the priorities for working together in the region are, makes strategic decisions and monitors the work of the regional coordinator.

The organisations in each of the regions nominated one of them to host the regional coordinator. Then a regional coordinator was appointed in each region to coordinate the activities of the organisations.

The regional coordinator, supported by the NNC Secretariat shall implement locally the activities and initiatives of the National Network for Children, shall encourage the local cooperation and provide feedback from the Network member organisations.

In the second half of 2015 meetings of the Regional Councils took place where we managed to hear who we are and what we want to achieve together at local level. Many of the organisations promoted their activities among the other members from the region and implemented joint campaigns through monthly mini bulletins, produced by the regional coordinators. The regional coordinators participated in a number of trainings on different topics and represented the NNC both at local level and in Brussels.

FINANCIAL REPORT

In the past year the National Network for Children implemented activities related to training, exchange of experience and good practices in Bulgaria and abroad, successful campaigns, child participation, strategic planning, etc. The implementation of big part of the commitments made was possible due to the trust of our partners and funding organisations.

Annex № 2 to National Accounting Standard 9

INCOME STATEMENT NATIONAL NETWORK FOR CHILDREN ASSOCIATION for the year ended 31 December 2015

Name of Cost a	BGN/1000		Name of Revenue a	BGN/1000	
	Current Year 1	Previous Year 2		Current Year 1	Previous Year 2
I. Operating expenses			I. Operating income		
A. Expenditure on regulated activities			A. Revenue from regulated activities		
1. Donations	1	50	1. Revenue from conditional grants	1	32
2. Other expenses	485	375	2. Revenue from unconditional grants	7	11
Total A:	486	425	3. Membership dues	13	10
B. Administrative costs	333	286	4. Other income	640	594
Total for group I	819	711	Total A:	661	647
II. Financial expenses			B. Capitalized expenses	204	
3. Other financial expenses	2	4	Total for group I	865	647
Total for group II	2	4	II. Financial revenue		
V. Total cost	821	715	Total for group II	5	4
VI. Result	49		V. Total income	870	651
Total (V+VI):	870	715	VI. Result		64
			Total (V+VI):	870	715

Date: 12.02.2016

Krasimira Svetieva,
Accountant



Svetlana Pavlova, CPA
Registered Auditor



George Bogdanov,
Executive director

Projects implemented during the reporting period are:

- **“Lesson: Strengthening development of organizational capacity”** donor – Bulgarian-Swiss Program of Cooperation, Fund for reforms related to civil society participation. Implementation period: July 2013 – August 2015.
- **“Megaphone: Children and youth participation for better citizenship”** donor – Support Programme for NGOs in Bulgaria under the financial mechanism of the European Economic Area, First call for proposals, thematic priority: „Supporting active citizenship“. Implementation period: January 2014 – November 2015.
- **“Steps towards a strong civil society sector for inclusive child development in Bulgaria”**, donor UNICEF. Implementation period: March 2014 – March 2016.
- **“Development of Community Schools in Bulgaria”**, donor Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. Project duration: 24 months to June 2016.

BALANCE SHEET
NATIONAL NETWORK FOR CHILDREN ASSOCIATION
as at 31 December 2015

ASSETS			EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
SECTIONS, GROUPS, ARTICLES	BGN/1000		SECTIONS, GROUPS, ARTICLES	BGN/1000	
	Current Year	Previous Year		Current Year	Previous Year
a	1	2	a	1	2
B. Non-current assets			A. Equity		
II. Tangible assets			IV. Reserves		
- Equipment and other	3	7	- other reserves	130	81
Total for group II	3	7	Total for group IV	130	81
Total for section B	3	7	Total for section A	130	81
C. Current assets			D. Financing and prepaid income, including	383	318
III. Receivables			- Funding	383	318
- Receivables from clients and suppliers	5	21			
Total for group III	5	21			
IV. Cash, including:					
- Cash in hand	8	4			
- Cash with bank	256	88			
- Cash with bank deposits		243			
Total for group IV	264	335			
Total for section C	269	356			
D. Prepaid expenses	241	36			
TOTAL ASSETS (B+C+D)	513	399	TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES (A+C)	513	399

Date: 12.02.2016

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Executive director

- "Vision for family policy in support of children and families in Bulgaria", donor Support Programme for NGOs in Bulgaria under the financial mechanism of the European Economic Area. Project duration: 18 months to April 2016.

- "Exchange of experience in the field of early childhood development", donor ISSA, implementation period: July 2015 – November 2015.
- "Institutional support for the National Network for Children", donor OAK Foundation, implementation period: July 2014 – June 2016.

- "Rights and courts for children", donor programme "Justice" of the European Commission. The National Network for Children is a partner in this project. Implementation period: September 2015 – September 2017.

WHO ARE WE?

Management Board

The National Network of Children Has a Management Board of seven member organizations elected by the General Assembly. Each organization has one representative. The Management Board supports, consults and mentors the work of the Secretariat.



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President



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Applied
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Communications
Fund



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Association



Mariana
Evtimova
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PULSE



Ivan Ivanov,
'Agapedia'
Foundation



Dr. Radosveta
Stamenkova,
Bulgarian Family
Planning and
Sexual Health
Association



Gancho Iliev,
'World Without
Boundaries

Supervisory Board

The Supervisory Board makes a review of the financial situation of the organization at the end of the year, and financial monitoring throughout the whole year. Also the Supervisory Board monitors compliance with the rules and procedures of the organization.



Spaska Petrova,
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Chairperson



Kaloyan Damyanov
Chairman of
the 'National
Association of
Resource Teachers'



Albena Boneva,
Helping Hand
Foundation

Secretariat

The Secretariat is the 14-member team responsible for the operational implementation of the strategic objectives of the National Network for Children and 8 regional coordinators applying Strategy of the Network in different regions.



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DONORS AND FRIENDS

On behalf of all member organizations of the National Network for Children, the Secretariat would like to express sincere gratitude to our partners and friends.

The individuals and companies who have worked with us for the better future of Bulgarian children are:

The American Chamber of Commerce and some of its members which made donations during the AmCham's Annual Meeting to support the NNC's project 'Community Schools';

BulEcopack LTD supported the children and young people participation;

Ficosota Syntez LTD donated 15 tons of hygiene and cleaning materials;

MVM Group helped the NNC with video production for projects Report Card 2015 and House of Children;

Company for International Meetings (CIM) supported the NNC in events organization;

Perfetta Artisan Chocolates made the chocolate statuettes for the 'Golden Apple' Awards;

The Golden Apple animated series supported visually the ceremony of the 'Golden Apple' Awards;

Anna Rizova-Noykova (Design for Friends) created the NNC's visual materials;

Marieta Vasileva (Taralej) made the design of the NNC's print materials;

The French Embassy and the French Cultural Institute – in addition to providing organizational and logistic support, they are our traditional partner in the development of civil society, local communities and promotion of good practices;

Free (Modern) Theater which hosted the 'Golden Apple' Awards;

Hissarya supplied mineral water for all participants in the youth forum VOICE IT;

IBM supported the youth forum VOICE IT with good will and volunteers;

and many other organizations and people who helped us every day in the implementation of our projects and activities.

DONORS



NETWORK MEMBERS 2015

Blagoevgrad Region

Association 'Community Council on Education' – Gotse Delchev

Burgas Region

'The Faithful Steward' Association – Burgas
'Demetra' Association – Burgas
Integra Bulgaria Association
'Regional Roma Alliance' Association – Burgas
'Smile' Association – Burgas

Varna Region

Association of Parents of Children with Dyslexia – Varna
'Gavroche' Association – Varna
'Eurointegration' Association – Varna
'Karin Dom' Foundation – Varna
'MIG – Kraimorie' Association – Beloslav
Agency for Social Development 'Vision' – Varna
'Joy for Our Children' Foundation – Varna
Social Association 'St. Andrei' – Varna
Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalia Association – Varna
'Sauchastie' Association – Varna
'Colourful Future' Association – Varna

Veliko Tarnovo Region

'International Social Service' Foundation – Veliko Tarnovo
'Youth Tolerance' Association – Gorna Oriahovitsa
Centre for Interethnic Dialogue and Tolerance AMALIPE – Veliko Tarnovo

Vidin Region

'Organization Drom' – Vidin

Vratsa Region

'First of June' Association – Byala Slatina
'Science and Technology Centre' Association – Vratsa
'New Way' Association – Hayredin
School Board of Trustees of 'Hristo Botev' School – Tarnava

Gabrovo Region

YMCA Gabrovo Association
'Social Dialogue 2001' Association – Gabrovo

Dobrich Region

'Helping Hand' Foundation – Dobrich

Kardjali Region

Association 'Initiative for Development – Kardzhali Decides' – Kardzhali

Kyustendil Region

Parental Boards of Trustees of Kindergarten 'Kalina' – Doupnitsa

Lovech Region

'Ecomission 21st Century' Association – Lovech
'Knowledge' Association – Lovech

Montana Region

Community Council on Education – Berkovica
Sham Foundation – Montana

Pazardzhik Region

'Future' Foundation – Rakitovo
'Juleviya Dom' Foundation
Crime Prevention Fund IGA – Pazardzhik
'Social Practices in the Community' Foundation – Pazardzhik

Pernik Region

'PULSE' Foundation – Pernik
'White Swallow' Association – Tran

Pleven Region

Pleven Public Fund 'Chitalishta' – Pleven

Plovdiv Region

'Big Brother, Big Sister' Association – Plovdiv
National Alliance for Volunteer Action – Plovdiv

Razgrad Region

'Janeta' Association – Razgrad
Youth Forum 2001 – Razgrad

Ruse Region

BRTMI Association – Ruse
'Equilibrium' Association – Ruse
European Center for Mediation and Arbitrage (ECMA)
'Caritas-Ruse' Foundation – Ruse
Open Society Club – Ruse
Centre Dynamica Association – Ruse

Silistra Region

'Ekaterina Karavelova' Women's Association – Silistra
'Hope for a Good Future' Association – Silistra

Sliven Region

Society for the support of children and adults with mental, physical and sensory disabilities
'St. Stiliyan Child Protector' – Sliven
'The Health of Romany People' Foundation – Sliven

IRA Foundation – Sliven

'Doctors of the World' Foundation – Bulgarian Branch – Sliven
'Roma Academy for Culture and Education' Association – Sliven

Sofia City Region

'Agapedia – Bulgaria' Foundation
Alliance of Bulgarian Midwives
Association for Bulgarian family values, traditions and culture
'Bulgarche'
'Alpha Club – to Survive' Association
Association for Early Childhood Development
'Parents' Association
Bulgarian Association of Adopted Children and Adoptive Parents
Bulgarian Family Planning and Sexual Health Association
Bulgarian Pediatric Association
Bulgarian Helsinki Committee
'Bulgarian Child' Foundation
BNC 'Together for the Children'
Bulgarian Training Centre
'Child and Space' Association
'Children's Books' Association
'Children and Adolescents' Association
'EVRIKA' Foundation
ECIP Foundation
'Teach for Bulgaria' Foundation
'Maternal and Child Health' Foundation
'For our Children' Foundation
'Health and Social Development' Foundation
Ethnic Minorities Health Problems Foundation
Social Activities and Practices Institute
'Concordia Bulgaria' Foundation
'The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award – Bulgaria' Foundation
International Legal Center
Arete Youth Foundation
National Foster Care Association
National Network of Health Mediators
Foundation 'Hope for the Little Ones'
'Hope for Us' Association
National Association of Resource Teachers
National scout organisation of Bulgaria
National School Eco-Parliament
'Society for All' Association
'Paideia' Foundation
'Partners – Bulgaria' Foundation
'Human Rights' Project
'Applied Research and Communications' Foundation

'Friends 2006' Foundation

Reachout.BG Association
Association for Progressive and Open Communication – Sofia
'Cedar' Foundation
'Step for Bulgaria' Foundation
'Step by Step' Foundation
Social Theatre Formation "Flower"
Association for Pedagogical and social help for children – FICE Bulgaria
Worldwide Foundation for Vulnerable Children
'Tsvetan Tsanov' Foundation
'Centre Nadya' Foundation
Centre for Inclusive Education
Centre for Psychosocial Support
Habitat for Humanity
Outward Bound Bulgaria
SOS Children's Villages – Bulgaria

Sofia Region

'Towards a Better Life' Association – Chelopech
'Choice for Tomorrow' Association, Botevgrad

Stara Zagora Region

'Future for Children' Association – Kazanlak
Chitalishte 'Vazrodena Iskra' – Kazanlak
'Clovers' Association – Chirpan
'Samaritans' Association – Stara Zagora
'World without Boundaries' Association – Stara Zagora

Targovishte Region

'Academica 245' Association – Antonovo
'Naya' Association – Targovishte
Club of NGOs – Targovishte

Haskovo Region

Association of Community Centres – Dimitrovgrad
'Children and Families' Association – Haskovo
'Give a Smile' Foundation – Dimitrovgrad
'Hope for Protection' Association – Haskovo

Shumen Region

'SOS Women and Children survived violence' Association – Novi Pazar
Association of Roma Women
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