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PROMOTE AND DEVELOP ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND PRIVATE INITIATIVE



The SOS Entrepreneurs Foundation is a non-governmental, non-religious and non-political organization with a non-profit aim, registered by the Bulgarian Law for non-profits, instituted for the purpose of implementation of community service activities, aimed towards development and validation of the civil community.

Our fundamental goal is to encourage the entrepreneur spirit and the private initiative in Bulgaria and help them grow.

The main activities The SOS Entrepreneurs Foundation undertakes have to do with:

- the creation of informational matters and databases, elaboration of studies, manuals, analysis and strategies;
- support for civil initiatives, projects by non-governmental organizations and entrepreneurs;
- orchestration of and participating in work meetings, Round Tables, conferences and other thematic forums, organizing seminars and trainings;
- spreading of information and encouragement of the public debate, research and promotion of "good praxis" and innovative approaches amongst entrepreneurs in Bulgaria.

The SOS Entrepreneurs Foundation project list is highly varied, ranging from economic development initiatives to social entrepreneurship and the organisation of campaigns to encourage the entrepreneurial spirit. Our vision has evolved over the years and has recently refocused on raising public awareness and promoting small social and family entrepreneurship, young people and local communities initiatives for a green economy and modern forms of financial engineering.

Our activities and latest projects:

Project "Mental health at the workplace – prevention policies at the local level"

The main goal of the project is to achieve an effective dialogue for the open and responsible partnership management regarding the policies for the prevention of mental health in the

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workplace, as well as will help to establish the impact of emotional intelligence on mental health in municipalities in Bulgaria and small and medium-sized enterprises at the local level as a good practice.

Project "Increasing citizen participation in the implementation of policies at the local level to adapt to the Green Deal"

The SOS Entrepreneurs Foundation is a partner in a local policy project on adapting to the Green Deal, implemented by the Green Industry, Innovation, and Technology Transfer Foundation. The main goal of the project is to achieve an effective dialogue on open and responsible partnership governance regarding environmental protection and climate change policies and their adaptation to the Green Deal.

Project "HopOnHopOffice"

HopOnHopOffice is a project for the creation and implementation of a new, innovative multi-component service for the promotion of self-employment, entrepreneurship and support for start-ups, which will be developed in cooperation and exchange of experience under the Transnational Partnership agreement ENTRA /ENtrepreneurship TRAining 2020/ with the Flemish Agency for Entrepreneurial Education – Syntra Vlaanderen, Tampere University of Technology and the Belgian creative company Finale-Events bvba.

Project "Capital with a Cause"

The main goal of this project was to encourage the cooperation be tween the regional authority and the civil society in Sofia Municipality to present and promote modern forms of financial engineering and the formation of a pilot programme for the development and encouragement of social entrepreneurship on a regional level.

Project "Implementing Social Entrepreneurship Training Programme – the Swiss expertise"

The collaboration between the SOS Entrepreneurs Foundation and its Swiss partner SEIF GmbH – Switzerland, linked to the project, aimed to introduce a training programme and create an E-learning platform based on the Swiss experience and know-how in the area of social entrepreneurship.



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Entrepreneurship and social entrepreneurship trainings and workshops

In 2012 and in 2013 SOS Entrepreneurs Foundation successfully implemented the Initiative "In support of entrepreneurship" in collaboration with Enterprise Europe Network – Bulgaria at Foundation "Practical research and communications". The Initiative is a continuation of the joint partnership with Enterprise Europe Network from 2011 till 2017. More than 87 informational and training seminars and workshops were organized, as it was assured the presence of over 132 experts from different governmental and non-governmental organizations – The Representation of European Commission in Bulgaria, Ministry of Education and Science, The Norway government agency "Innovation Norway", Bulgarian Industrial Association, Chamber of commerce and industry – Stara Zagora", The Bulgarian Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Promotion Agency, Ministry of labour and social policy, Ministry of Environment and Water, State Fund Agriculture, Regional Information Centre.

Public debates & initiatives

In 2015, 2016 and 2017 experts from SOS Entrepreneurs Foundation participated in working and expert meetings and discussions in close collaboration with representatives of The European Commission in Bulgaria. The meetings were on subject "TOGETHER WE CAN DO MORE". Members of SOS Entrepreneurs Foundation also took part in an informational meeting jointly with the Regional Information Centre Sofia and the Professional association "European and National Development Programs" on theme "Discussion of documentation regarding procedure of granting financial support scheme „Improvement of capacity of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)" in Operational Programme for "Innovation and Competiveness". Experts from the Foundation participated in a Forum "Financing programmes for business in the new programme period – 2014-2020". Experts from SOS Entrepreneurs Foundation were invited and became members of the MCs for the following OPs: "Human Resource Development 2014-2020", "Innovations and Competitiveness 2014-2020", "Good Governance 2014-2020" and "Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived".

