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National Alliance for Social Responsibility



The National Alliance for Social Responsibility unites, motivates and supports business entities, non-profit legal entities, municipalities, municipal and regional structures and organizations in their efforts and capacity for implementing social engagement and social responsibility policies and activities.

NASO was recognized as a national umbrella organization by Decision No. 120 of the Council of Ministers of 2 March 2011 and Decision No. 41 of 24 January 2020



Early Childhood Intervention in Bulgaria



NASO participated in the Agora project and had a leading role in creating a national support network in the field of early childhood intervention.

The mission of NASO in the project is to spread the idea of ECI in Bulgaria, which is a relatively new topic in our country, as well as to unite professionals, ministries and municipalities to upgrade activities in this area.

Within the project, trainings were conducted in ten organizations in Bulgaria, which led to an increase in capacity, exchange of experience and the creation of a common vision for early childhood intervention among institutions and professionals in the field.

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Early Childhood Intervention in Bulgaria

The project was very beneficial for Bulgaria in many ways.

- We focused on ECI in the field of people with disabilities
- We managed to change the views of key stakeholders
- We built a consensus that a family-oriented approach should be a guiding principle in ECI services

In this regard, we are grateful that we have translated and printed *Recommended Practices in Early Childhood Intervention. A guidebook for professionals* in Bulgarian, which we will distribute among the professionals in the country.

Early Childhood Intervention in Bulgaria

We have taken the first steps in the direction of forming the legal framework for ECI in Bulgaria.

Three key ministries must be involved in early childhood intervention services provision:

- Ministry of Labor and Social Policy
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Education and Science

The Ministry of Labor and Social Policy should assume the leading role and the non-governmental sector and municipalities should be the main “driving force and corrective”.

Early Childhood Intervention in Bulgaria

In the final part of the project we organized meetings with local and national authorities in three of the largest Bulgarian cities. The main conclusion reached is that it is necessary to guarantee financial, material and human resources for ECI services, including the availability of experienced staff and opportunities for their retention and career development through training and supervisions.

When it comes to funding, it could be provided by:

- State
- Municipalities
- Project activities

What are the next steps?

- To continue to distribute ECI as a product in the country among professionals, municipalities, families
- The government must ensure sustainable funding for ECI services
- Providing a regulatory framework for the ECI system
- Introducing and using a universal screening test for child development assessment
- Entering all children receiving ECI services in a single national register
- Searching for evidence-based good practices for developing and implementing a National ECI services system