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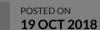
- To promote, develop and support the values, dispositions and practices of the open society in Bulgaria.
- To support the democratisation in all fields of the public and political life in the process of development of the mechanisms and structures of the civil society.
- To work for the extension and guaranteeing of the inviolability of civil freedoms and the respect of fundamental human rights.
- To support the strengthening of civil sector institutions.
- To work for the strengthening of civil participation and protection of the public interest in public policy-making.
- To encourage the extension of the public debate on issues of key importance to Bulgaria.
- To support the integration of Bulgaria to the European Union and work for the strengthening of regional cooperation.

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