

**Project** BGLD-1.003-0003 International youth centre - think locally, act globally!

**Project promoter:** Municipality of Stara Zagora

**Partner:** Glemmen videregaende skole, Fredrikstad, Norway

**Budget:** 956,635 euro (1,870,986.73 BGN)

**Start of the implementation:** July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**Duration of project implementation:** 36 months

**Project description:** The main objective of the project is to upgrade and expand the activities of the International Youth Center in Stara Zagora by optimizing the conditions for social inclusion of vulnerable groups, as well as expand the territorial scope and the scope of participants. Provision of activities based on non-formal methods of education in towns and villages in the area where young people at risk and their families reside. The main target group is children, youth and elderly people including those from ethnic minorities at risk of dropping out of the education system, accommodated in social service homes, at risk of poverty and social exclusion. The Center activities will aim to create conditions for support, social inclusion and personal development of participating users, through information, counselling, training, leisure activities, providing opportunities for exchange of experience with organizations from donor countries and European partners, and participation in joint campaigns, initiatives and trainings of the National Network of Youth Centers.

The specific objectives of the project are to expand the territorial and age scope, increase the variety of activities performed by the team; create a precondition for social inclusion and inclusion of vulnerable groups, personal development and acquisition of new knowledge and skills, psychological support and counsel, empowerment of young people and their families living on the territory of Stara Zagora district; strengthen the partnerships with organizations with a similar vision and mission at local, national and international level in order to expand young people's knowledge of the surrounding world, enrich their culture and increase their self-esteem; strengthen the cooperation within the youth sector at an European level.