

## **Initiatives for Civil Society – Rouse, Bulgaria**

Initiatives for Civil Society is the leading NGO in Bulgaria since 2000 in the field of supporting and development of civil society. The association was founded in Ruse by a team of teachers and lecturers from University of Ruse with years of experience in the preparation and implementation of projects and in coordinating international partnerships. To "Initiatives for Civil Society" are working experienced trainers and experts who conduct trainings and seminars through informal education in multitude of programs. The team works in a wide and consolidated network of public institutions and organizations, schools and universities. Our Mission as Association is promoting of sustainable and democratic development of Bulgaria as a part of Europe.

To achieve this goal we have in front us the following the Objectives:

- Promoting and defending the democratic values of civil society.
- Supporting NGOs visiting Bulgaria has the world for sustainable development.
- Support the cultural, economic and educational ties between Bulgaria and the European Union and the world.
- Support sustainable development processes in the system "man - society - environment"

The programs that Initiatives for Civil Society conducts are: Civic Education, Debates, Critical Thinking, Environmental Education, Health Education, Social Skills, Conflict Resolution, Teamwork, Communication Skills, Intercultural Cooperation, Career Development. Through these programs participants develop additional key competences, skills and knowledge within the meaning of the European Reference Framework that they need to develop as individuals and good citizens.