

Experience with good practices

The Centre for NGOs in Razgrad, chaired by Georgi Milkov has long experience in seeking access to public information and applying the law for the access to public information. The successful applications are the result of a long process. Over the years the NGO has submitted over 100 requests for information and has conducted 65 litigations against the municipality, most of them successful. For the purposes of the project Mr Milkov requested information about municipal spending for extra curricular education, the municipal budget allocations, the budgets of municipal companies, the spending of EU funding on a municipal project, the costs for municipal fixed net telephones and mobiles numbers and other issues of big public interest. The municipality started to cooperate better after 2008 when an amendment to the law limited the possibilities for refusal on the grounds of infringement against the interests of third parties.



Mr Milkov and his team are currently working on another project of great public interest. They are part of a coalition, including human rights and legal expert NGOs, targeting the Decree against petty hooliganism of 1963 which is very outdated and is not in line with the current legislation of the country and the EU standards of defence of human rights. The Constitutional court and the Ombudsman of the Republic are involved in the process. The aim of the long standing campaign is formulated in the 2010 annual report of the Ombudsman who addresses the National Assembly, the competent authority on the issue, suggesting that it should repeal altogether the outdated piece of legislation.