



PROGRAM

"FUTURE WITH OPPORTUNITIES"

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Knowledge Garden Foundation
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National Corporate Program for Education,
Qualification and Professional Development
of Young People

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The "Future with Opportunities" Program is a long-term social initiative of the Knowledge Garden Foundation and the Ignatov Family Foundation, aimed at supporting young people with potential who face financial, social, or geographical barriers to accessing education and professional development.

The program aims to create a sustainable mechanism for mobilizing resources from businesses, institutions, and civil society in order to finance higher education, vocational training, internship programs, and mentorship support.

Its main objective is to provide real opportunities for the personal and professional development of young people aged 17 to 29, helping them improve their competitiveness in the labor market and reduce the risk of social exclusion.

Bulgaria continues to face significant challenges related to access to quality education and the professional development of young people.

Particularly vulnerable groups include:

- **young people from low-income families;**
- **young people with disabilities;**
- **young people from small or rural communities;**
- **young people from families facing financial difficulties;**
- **young people without professional support or networks;**
- **young people seeking additional education and professional qualifications.**

At the same time, employers are experiencing an increasing shortage of qualified professionals and are looking for effective ways to develop future talent.

This initiative creates the conditions for an effective model that connects businesses with young people and ensures a sustainable transition from education to employment.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

To ensure equal access to education, qualifications, and professional development for young people through partnerships between businesses, educational institutions, and civil society organizations.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

- Provide financial support for higher education.
 - Finance vocational training and qualification courses.
 - Create internship opportunities and first-job programs.
 - Establish a national mentorship network.
 - Promote corporate social responsibility.
 - Improve youth employment and professional integration.
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TARGET GROUPS

Primary Target Group

Young people aged 17 to 29 who

- are seeking internship and professional development opportunities;
- are admitted to or currently enrolled in higher education;
- wish to acquire professional qualifications;
- are highly motivated for personal and professional growth.

Secondary Target Group

- employers;
- educational institutions;
- training organizations;
- local communities;
- volunteers and mentors

Expected Results for the 2027–2030 Period

- ➔ **Support for more than 100 young people**
- ➔ **More than 120 funded training and qualification programs**
- ➔ **More than 80 internship placements secured**
- ➔ **More than 30 corporate partners**
- ➔ **A sustainable national program for the development of young talent**

The "Future with Opportunities" program aims to bring together businesses, educational institutions, and civil society into a shared cause- supporting the development of young people in Bulgaria.

Through investment in education, skills development, and professional growth, the program creates long-term social value by nurturing future leaders who will contribute to a more competitive and socially sustainable Bulgaria.

"Every young person deserves the opportunity to realize their full potential. Together, we can make it happen."