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Name: **Bulgarian Platform for International Development**

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**The Bulgarian Platform for International Development (BPID)**, currently bringing together 19 development NGOs, was formally created on 27 January 2009. This is the only nation-wide structure that unites civil society organizations active and experienced in development cooperation.

The main purpose of the platform is to advocate equal inclusion of non-governmental organizations in the process of development cooperation to national authorities and international institutions. BPID watches the quality and quantity of Bulgarian aid, striving to assure transparency of all decisions and actions. BPID is recognized as a reliable partner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (the principal in forming Bulgarian Development policy), as well as of other state structures. As the only national platform active in development policy, it has national outreach and convening capacity, as well as advocacy skills, knowledge and experience working with the development goals.

BPID cooperates with state and international structures to elaborate strategies for the development of civil society both domestically and abroad. It aims at fostering the development of civil society in developing countries and countries in transition. It advocates the timely support of civil society in third countries.