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Representatives of municipalities, business and economic organizations accepted with one consent the new regional strategy for social services' development at a regular meeting of the Regional Council for Development held on 10 May 2016. Mrs. Tony Kostova – Director of Burgas Regional Social Aid Directorate presented a short analysis of the implementation of the previous strategy which made clear that all 13 municipalities have reached the goals set and so they contributed to an outstanding social services' provision in Burgas region.

Burgas region was the first at national level to have closed special institutions for children with disabilities in Nesebar, Karnobat, Burgas and Sredets. It was the first to have started and finished the Childhood for All Project and so definitely concluded the children's deinstitutionalization process in the region. Burgas region is leading in the country also in number of social services in the community.

In the framework of the new strategy which will be implemented in the next 5 years the accent is set on the risk groups among the vulnerable communities and persons in equipollent situation, on elderly people care and prevention for children and families in risk, as well as on development of the now existing services.

The aim is Burgas region to win recognition as a region with accessible and qualitative social services which contribute to an improved quality of life, maximum self-dependence, complete realization and care for the individuals and communities in risk.