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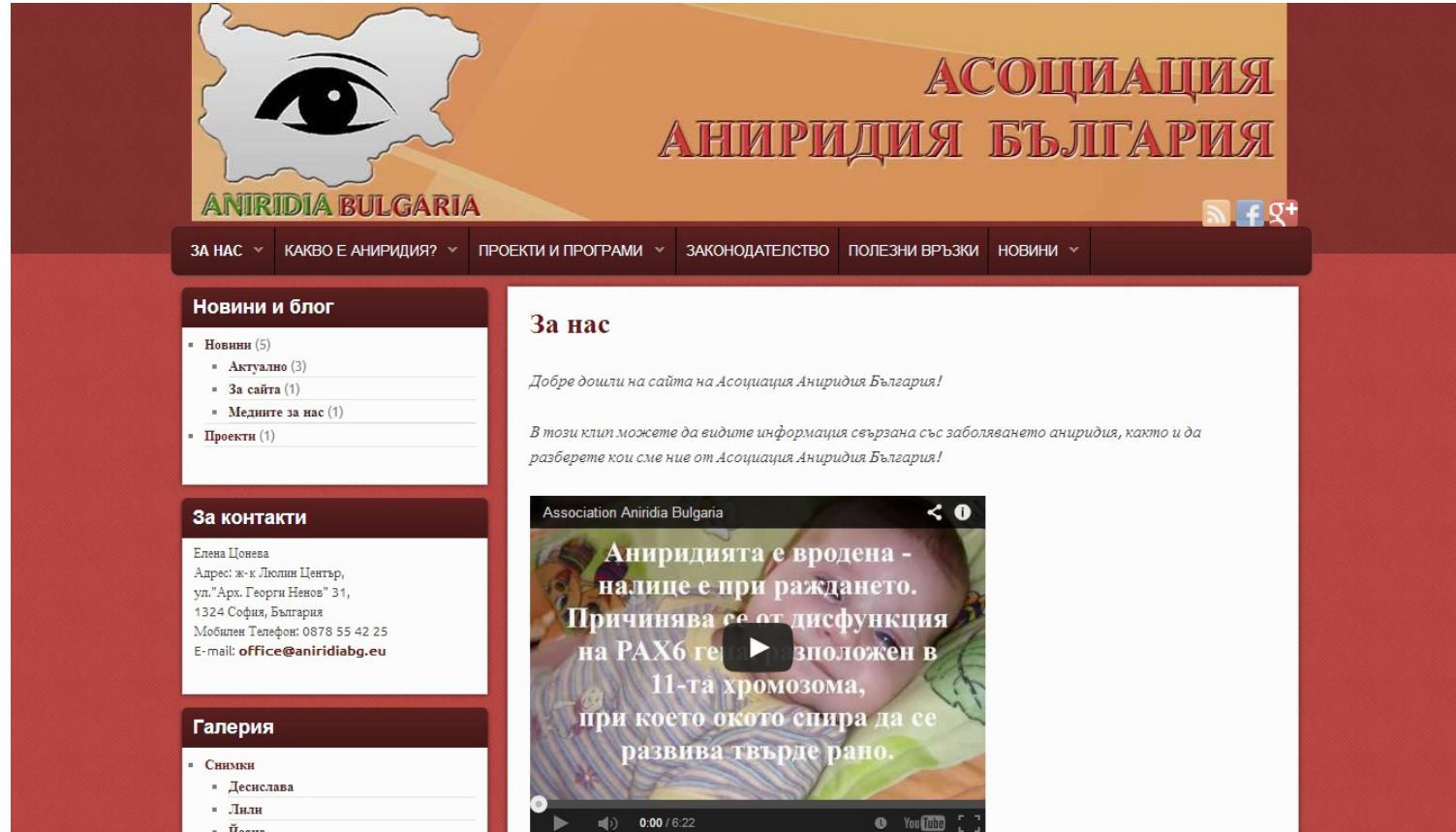
# Establishment

- Association Aniridia Bulgaria (AAB) was founded in 2012 as a non-government patient organisation (NGO).
- AAB is a full member of the National Alliance of People with Rare Diseases (NAPRD).
- AAB is a full member of Aniridia Europe.



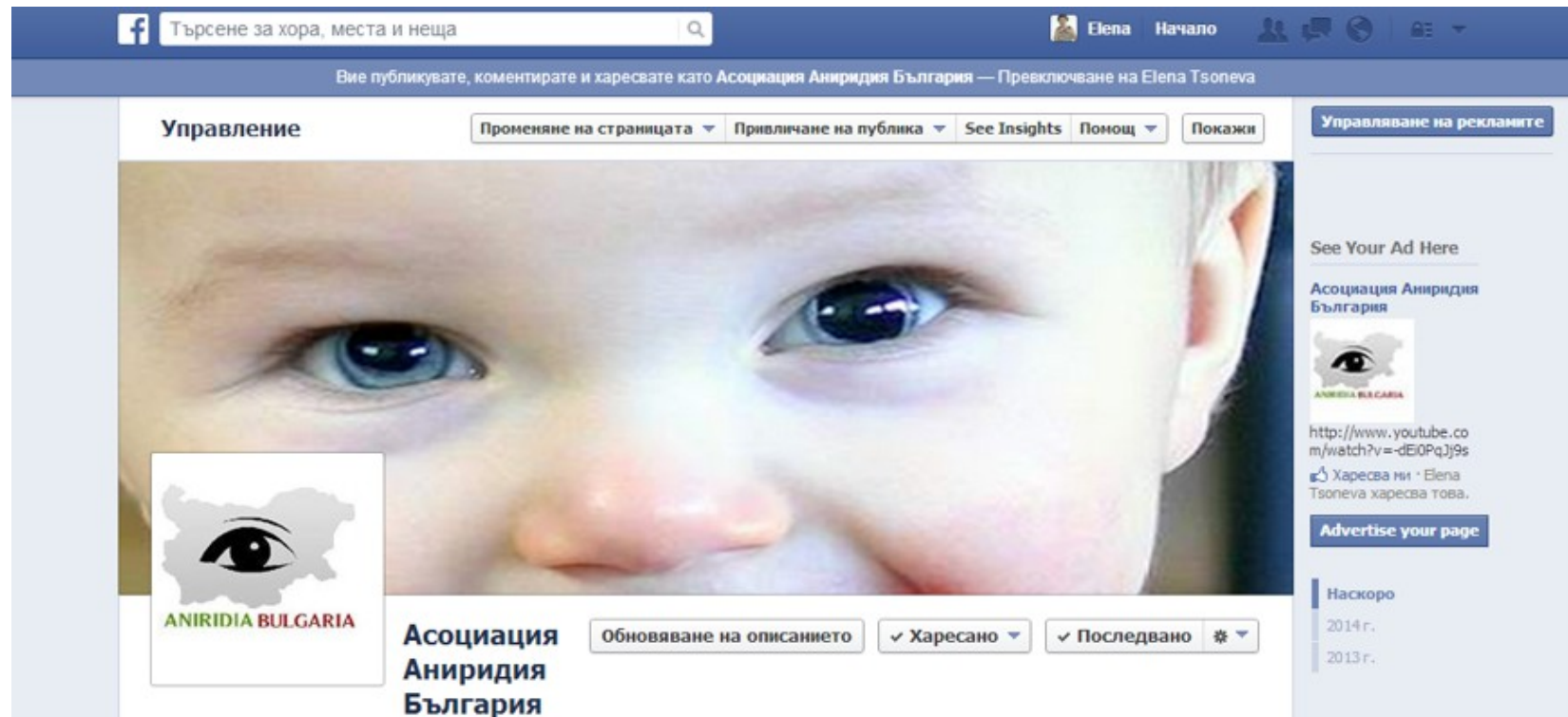
# Website

www.aniridiabg.eu



We are exchanging and disseminating information about the disease.

# Facebook page



<https://www.facebook.com/aniridiabulgaria>

# Implemented Project



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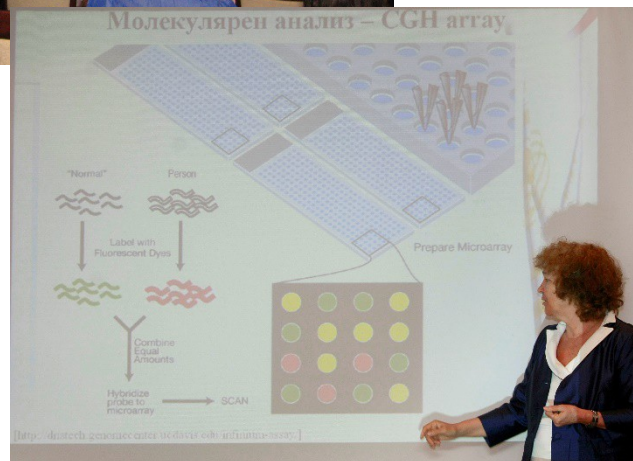
**PROJECT :**  
“Building of new mechanisms  
for self-help for affected people of Aniridia”

## *Programme to support NGOs in Bulgaria In the EEA Financial Mechanism 2009 – 2014*

- *Project partner: Aniridia Norway*
- *The project contained 7 basic activities*



# Seminars



Seven seminars in seven different cities in the country.

# Other activities

- Develop and dissemination of information materials
- Providing specialised equipment and inventories
- Create a Registry of affected persons with Aniridia in Bulgaria.
- Create interactive tool for self-help



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Creating new mechanisms for  
self help for people affected  
by the Aniridia disease

[www.eeagrants.org](http://www.eeagrants.org) • [www.ngogrants.bg](http://www.ngogrants.bg)

Проектът се финансира в рамките на „Програмата за подкрепа  
на НПО в България по Финансовия механизъм на Европейското  
икономическо пространство 2009-2014 г.“

# Current challenges

- Bulgarian legislation about rare diseases is limited, formalised, and ineffective.
- The legislation is more scientific and less practical.
- There is no judicial control over the changes in the Register of Rare Diseases at the Ministry of Health.
- **Ordinance No. 16 of July 30, 2014** the terms and conditions for registration of rare diseases and on the expert centres and reference networks for rare diseases.

# Ordinance No. 16 of July 30, 2014

**Commission on Rare Diseases - Ministry of Health (MH)**

**Register of Rare Diseases to MH - MH**

**Centers of Expertise - National Center for Public Health and Analysis (NCPHA)**

**Reference Networks - NCPHA**

**Register of Centers - NCPHA**

**Patient Register - NCPHA**

## Good practices

*“My motor neurone disease is a rare disease. However, I have lived with it for 53 years and know that it is possible for people with rare diseases to live good and productive lives.”*





***Thank you for your attention!***