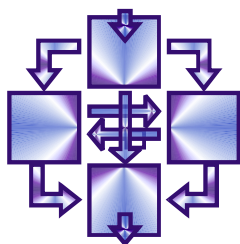# 10th Anniversary of

Association for the Development of the Information Society

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The Association for the Development of the Information Society (ADIS) was established in April 1997 and is an independent, non-government, non-profit organization with the non-commercial objective to support the development of the information society in Bulgaria. This objective is extensively defined in the Association's statute and includes:

- Interaction with individuals and organizations working for the development of the information society in Bulgaria and in the world.

- Support of the comprehensive utilization of the capacity of the information infrastructure and information technologies by all layers of society and all ages and professions, as well as by unemployed, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, etc.

- Development and implementation of national and international projects whose goal is establishing, developing, and governing the information society.

- Participation in the elaboration and implementation of educational, promotional, and demonstration programs dedicated to information society issues.

- Participation in international activities on issues of the development of the information society, and maintenance of ties to and interaction with foreign and international organizations.

- Organization of conferences, forums, workshops dedicated to the information society.

- Publishing of a newsletter distributed among the individual and collective members of the Association.

Besides individual persons, the Association has as collective members from various regions of Bulgaria: Plovdiv University 'Paisii Hilendarski'. Technical University—Gabrovo, the Police Academy, the Institute of Mathematics and Informatics, the Institute of Information Technologies, the Central Laboratory of Computer Security of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (Sofia), and other organizations. Societies in the cities of Plovdiv, Shoumen, and Bourgas have been formed as autonomous subsidiaries of the Association. Its membership and associated structures are growing quickly and already include foreign members. The Association has existed since recently but it unites people and organizations with several decades of experience in the field of computer science and information technologies. Since 1999, the Association has organized monthly national seminars in the framework of the Forum Global Information Society. The seminars are devoted to the development of the information society in all fields of the human activities and aspects. Other activities include implementing a project for training disabled (deaf) people to use computers and the Internet, a project for training secondary school teachers in a broad range of computer technologies, participation in the drafting of the Bulgarian national strategy for the Information Society, drafting of models and principals for creating, management and development of public centers for access to Internet, information and communication services and public e-information and e-services for the Bulgarian citizens as well as delivering of talks on Information Society issues at various national and regional events by members of the Association.

The Association gladly welcomes contacts with organizations from abroad whose activities are related to the development of the global information society.