

# ANNUAL REPORT



Vratsa Software Community

FOR 2018  
(IN PICTURES)

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BULGARIA  
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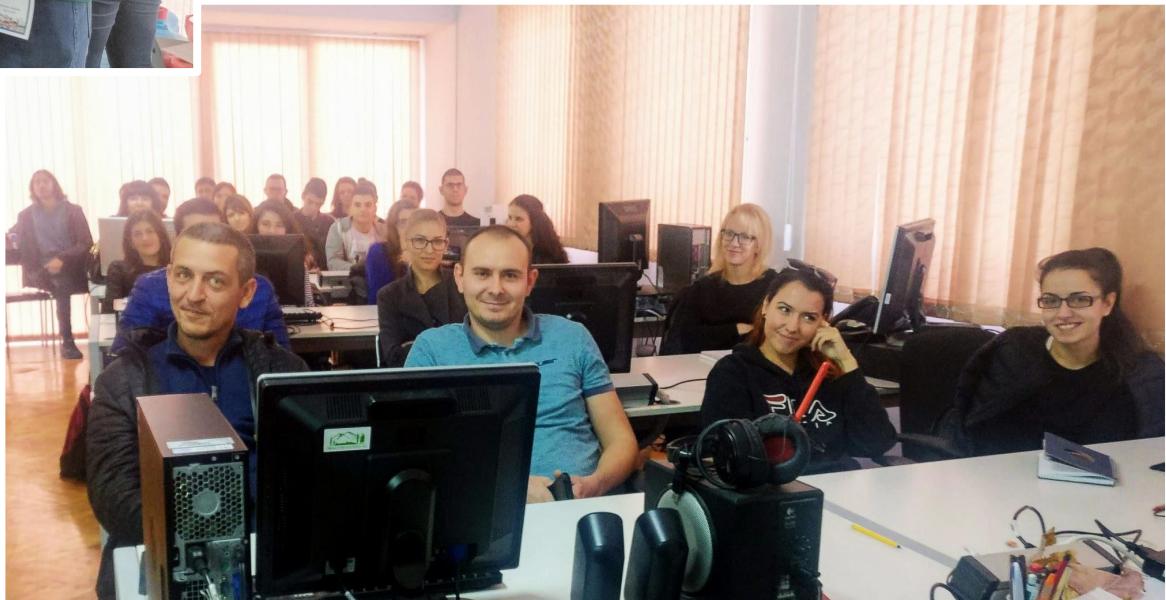
заедновчас  
за успеха на всяко дете

The logo features a stylized green graphic resembling a fan or a series of leaves on the left. To the right of the graphic, the word "заедновчас" is written in a bold, sans-serif font, with "заеднов" in grey and "час" in green. Below this, the slogan "за успеха на всяко дете" is written in a smaller, regular black font.



THIS FALL WE STARTED NEW FREE  
9-MONTH COURSE IN  
PROGRAMMING. WE HAD 111  
CANDIDATES, FROM WHOM 71  
STARTED THE COURSE

# TRAININGS



WE CONDUCTED THE DIGITAL MARKETING COURSE IN VRATSA.

WE HAD 50 CANDIDATES, OF WHOM 26 STARTED THE COURSE, AND 11 OF THEM GRADUATED SUCCESSFULLY ([MORE](#))



DIGITAL MARKETING COURSE

# MINDHUB ACADEMY



**MindHub**

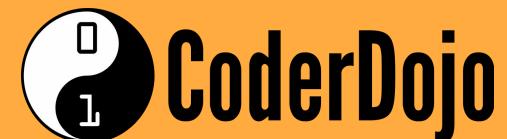
THIS AUTUMN WE LAUNCHED A PARTNERSHIP WITH MINDHUB - TRAININGS FOR CHILDREN 6-11 YEARS. WE STARTED WITH 33 CHILDREN AND DOROTHEA, WHO FINISHED OUR COURSE, LEADS THE CLASSES ([MORE](#))



# CODERDOJO WORKSHOPS



26 CHILDREN BETWEEN 3 AND 8 IN TWO GROUPS ARE TRAINED IN THE CODERDOJO WORKSHOPS. MENTORS ARE SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS FROM OUR SOFTWARE ACADEMY.



# OUR EVENTS

FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR, WE ORGANIZE HACKVRATSA. THIS TIME, THE THEME WAS "SPACE". OF 13 TEAMS WITH A TOTAL OF 41 PARTICIPANTS, THE FIRST THREE TEAMS WENT OUT WITH CASH PRIZES, AND TWO OF THE TEAMS WERE INVITED TO FURTHER DEVELOP THEIR PROJECTS AT THE SPACE CHALLENGE LABS., ([MORE](#))





WITH VOLUNTEERS FROM "VRATSA SCHOOL BOARD", WE HELD "TREASURE HUNT" FOR THE 4TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR. 85 PEOPLE WERE INVOLVED, AND THE THEME WAS "THE LOWER LAND". ([MORE](#))



## TREASURE HUNT



MORE THAN 170 PARTICIPANTS AND 25 LECTURERS VISITED CODEWEEK VRATSA 2018: TWO-DAY LECTURES AND PRACTICAL ACTIVITIES IN IT, DIVIDED INTO 17 MODULES ([MORE](#))

# Rails Girls Vratsa 3.0



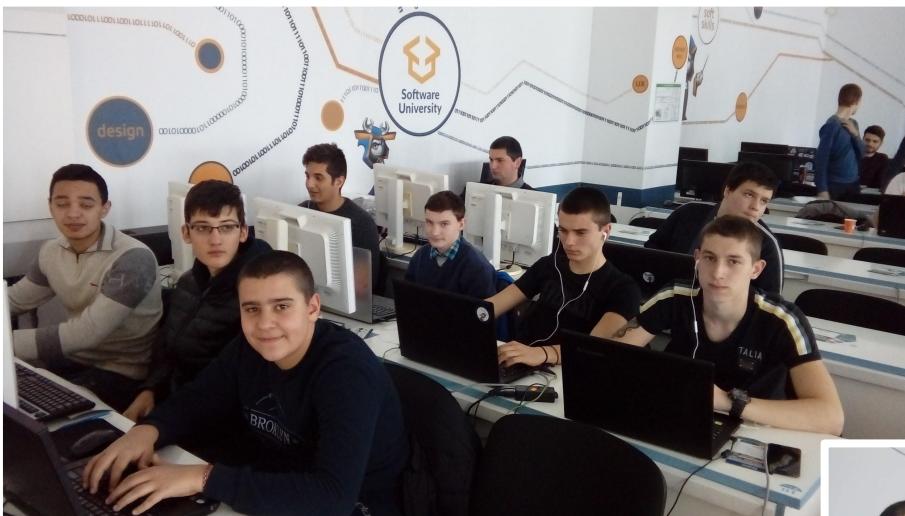
RAILS GIRLS VRATSA, AN EVENT THAT INSPIRES GIRLS TO ENGAGE IN IT, WAS ATTENDED BY 25 GIRLS. IT WAS INITIATED AND ORGANIZED BY ADI AND KRISI, WHICH ARE OUR ALUMNI ([MORE](#))

# INITIATIVES WE ARE INVOLVED IN



WE ARE EXPANDING OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH TELERIK ACADEMY- 3 SCHOOLS - ACAD. IVAN TSENOV ", " KOZMA TRICHOV " AND " HRISTO BOTEV " ALREADY HAVE EXTRACURRICULAR GROUPS IN ALGORITHMIC PROGRAMMING, LED BY OUR STUDENT DIMITAR GOSPODINOV  
[\(MORE\)](#)





SOFTUNI ARE ORGANIZING A FREE COURSE IN "PROGRAMMING FUNDAMENTALS" IN VRATSA. THE COURSE WAS HELD AT THE IT CENTER BY VOLEN, WHO PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED OUR COURSES.

# SOFTUNIADA 2018 & SOFTUNI COURSE IN VRATSA



# ROBOTICS INTRO



THIS SUMMER WE WERE A PARTNER OF THE HRISTO BOTEV REGIONAL LIBRARY - VRATSA, IN THEIR PROJECT "TECHNO LIB - MINI TECHNOLOGY CENTER IN THE LIBRARY". 57 TEENAGERS UNDERWENT TRAINING IN "ROBOTICS INTRO". ([MORE](#))



# SOFTWARE INDUSTRY IN VRATSA

40 OF OUR STUDENTS WORK IN  
THE IT FIELD,  
24 OF THEM ARE IN VRATSA.



# Rewards



WE RECEIVED RECOGNITION IN THE  
16TH EDITION OF THE 24 HOURS  
"THE WORTHY BULGARIANS"  
[\(MORE\)](#)

# REWARDS

WE WERE AWARDED THE "VRATSA AWARD"  
IN "EDUCATION" CATEGORY



# RESULTS

- ❖ 327 PARTICIPANTS IN 4 EVENTS IN VRATSA
- ❖ 52 PARTICIPANTS IN OUR PROGRAMMING COURSES, 11 OF THEM GRADUATED SUCCESSFULLY
- ❖ 71 PEOPLE STARTED IN THE NEW SEASON OF THE 9-MONTH PROGRAMMING COURSES

# RESULTS

- ❖ 26 STARTED THE DIGITAL MARKETING COURSE, 11 OF THEM GRADUATED SUCCESSFULLY
- ❖ 24 OF OUR TRAINEES WORK IN THE IT INDUSTRY IN VRATSA
- ❖ 233 STUDENTS ARE GETTING TRAINED DUE OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH TELERIK ACADEMY, MINDHUB AND SOFTUNI

# APPEAL

WE NEED HELP FOR OUR NEXT STEPS:

- ❖ COWORKING SPACE ВРАЦА -> IDEAS, CONTACTS, RESOURCES
- ❖ GUEST LECTURERS -> COME FOR A WEEKEND WITH US
- ❖ JAVA/PHP MENTORS -> OF OUR STUDENTS, LONG-TERM



THANKS TO OUR MAIN PARTNERS:

AMERICA FOR BULGARIA FOUNDATION, REACH FOR CHANGE FOUNDATION,  
MUNICIPALITY OF VRATSA!

AS WELL AS ALL THE PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT HELP OUR MISSION!

- WE ARE GLAD THAT DURING THE YEAR WE WORKED WITH:
- OUR LOCAL PARTNERS: RWU, YOUTH HOUSE, HRISTO BOTEV RB, CTR, RIM, YOUTH CENTER, VRATSA SCHOOL BOARD
- NATIONAL PARTNERS: MINDHUB, TELERIK ACADEMY, MOVE.BG, SOFTWARE UNIVERSITY, HACK BULGARIA, DNA, TEACH FOR BULGARIA, NMD, ABLE, ESKILLS FOR JOBS
- THE LOCAL SCHOOLS: PPMG "ACAD. IVAN TSENOV ", PGD" N. Y. VAPTSAROV ", " YOAN EKZARH "PEG," KOZMA TRICHOV "SOFIA UNIVERSITY," HRISTO BOTEV "

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