Activity in favor of people with disabilities
In recent years Sozopol Foundation responded to the call of the international community to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities, with a view to the provision of services to ensure their social inclusion and equal human rights.

The Foundation has significant experience in the development and implementation of projects related to the provision of access for people with disabilities to cultural heritage and monuments.
Sozopol Foundation is a member of the League of Historical and Accessible Cities to the European Foundation Centre, Brussels. Due to the implemented and developed by the Foundation projects Sozopol is one of the six cities in Europe member of the League.
Foundation Sozopol has significant experience in projects which provide access for people with disabilities to cultural heritage and monuments, with funding from the EU funds and own funds. Since 2003, the Foundation has implemented a number of projects for accessibility in Archaeological Reserve "Ancient city of Apollonia". Fragments of the fortification system are recovered. It is created Architectural and Historic Complex "Southern Fortress Wall and Tower". It includes museum collection, scenic passage and panoramic tourist bridge, fully accessible for people with disabilities.

Parking lot at the building of the Municipal Administration

Inception of accessible environment in the city park of Sozopol
Project activities included: provided access for people with disabilities from the parking lot in front of City Hall through all alleys in the city park along the street "Southern panoramic alley“, with approaches to the sea and Architectural and Historic Complex "Southern Fortress Wall and Tower". The total length of the itinerary is 1416 m. It is built a WC for people with disabilities.

City Park, fully accessible for people with disabilities

Approach for people with disabilities to Central Beach
The project was implemented in the period 2003-2004 and "Southern panoramic alley" street became fully accessible for people with disabilities. Implementation of the second phase of the project is forthcoming, which includes creation of a tactile markings.
Approaches to Architectural and Historic Complex "Southern Fortress Wall and Tower" and Municipal Ethnographic Museum
The project activities included construction of a lift and a separate platform, providing access for people with disabilities to all levels of the museum part of the Architectural and Historic Complex "Southern Fortress Wall and Tower" and to the Municipal Ethnographic Museum.

The project was implemented in the period 2010 - 2011. Total length of the itinerary is 76 m.

Implementation of the second phase of the project is forthcoming, which includes creation of a tactile markings.
3. Project "Ancient Sozopol - Monastery of St. Ivan the Forerunner - culture through the ages", funded under the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area and Sozopol Foundation.

Panoramic passage

Hall of Apollo
Some of the activities of the project included construction of scenic passage in the Architectural and Historic Complex "Southern Fortress Wall and Tower“ and a ramp allowing direct access for people with disabilities to the sea. The length of the itinerary is 37 m. The project was implemented in the period 2009-2011.

Ramp for people with disabilities in the Architectural and Historic Complex "Southern Fortress Wall and Tower" from the hall of Apollo to the sea.
4. Project "Provision of an accessible environment for people with disabilities from Southern panoramic alley to tourist bridge in Sozopol" funded by the Agency for People with Disabilities, Ministry of Labor and Social Policy of Republic of Bulgaria and co-funded by Sozopol Foundation.
The project activities included the construction of the lift facility for people with disabilities, providing access from the coastal scenic alley to tourist bridge with panoramic views of the town of Sozopol and the sea. The project was implemented in the period 2011 – 2012.
5. Project "Provision of an accessible environment for people with disabilities to a church “St. St. Cyril and Methodius”". Relics of St. John the Baptist are exhibited in the temple for pilgrimage. The relics were discovered during the implementation of a project executed by Sozopol Foundation.
The implementation of these projects provided a phased construction of infrastructure for people with disabilities in Archaeological Reserve "Ancient city of Apollonia" (the old part of Sozopol), which allow for the socialization of the sites with the possibility of a visit from these equal Bulgarian and foreign citizens and their actual participation in the cultural tourism, combined with complete relaxation.
At present Sozopol Foundation is working on the project "Provision of access for people with disabilities to Archaeological Museum, Sozopol - II stage", concerning the provision of access for people with disabilities in Archaeological Reserve "Ancient city of Apollonia". Project activities provide tactile markings to be implemented.
At present the total length of the itinerary with access for people with disabilities is 1553 m.
Sozopol Foundation is developing new projects related to the provision of access for people with disabilities, especially the installation of ramps and implementation of tactile markings, as well as preparation of Braille guide of the main objects in the Archaeological Reserve "Ancient city of Apollonia".