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**BULGARIAN INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY NETWORK
PATLIB and IP POINT centers**



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Presentation overview

- ▶ PATLIB centers
- ▶ Industrial Property Points in Universities (IP Points)
- ▶ Bulgarian Industrial Property Network
- ▶ Conclusions

PATLIB centres in Bulgaria

Library units hosted mainly by Industrial and Business Associations

➤When? - 2004

➤How many?

✓CENTRAL PATENT LIBRARY of the BPO – **SOFIA**

✓Industrial Property Center – **VARNA**

✓Regional Industrial Association – **PLOVDIV**

✓Industrial Association – **ROUSSE**

➤Main functions and activities

✓Provision of intellectual property information to the public

✓Public reading room

✓Assistance in conducting basis searches (state-of-the-art, novelty, infringement)

✓Technology and competitor watches

✓Copying and document delivery services

✓Provision of speakers for seminars, workshops, etc.

➤Target groups – focus on SMEs

➤Good practices – PATLIB conference 2009

Industrial Property Points in Universities (IP Points)

Small operational units hosted by Universities, Science and Technology Parks and Technological Centers

Conception for the Setting up of University Industrial Property Information and Consultation Points (IP Points) in Higher Educational Institutions.

Main goals of Bulgarian Patent Office in respect of co-operation with the universities:

- ✓organizational and technical support
- ✓methodical assistance and consultations
- ✓stimulating of creative and scientific researches
- ✓providing knowledge and expertise
- ✓creating a fruitful environment for establishment and development of business based on innovation.

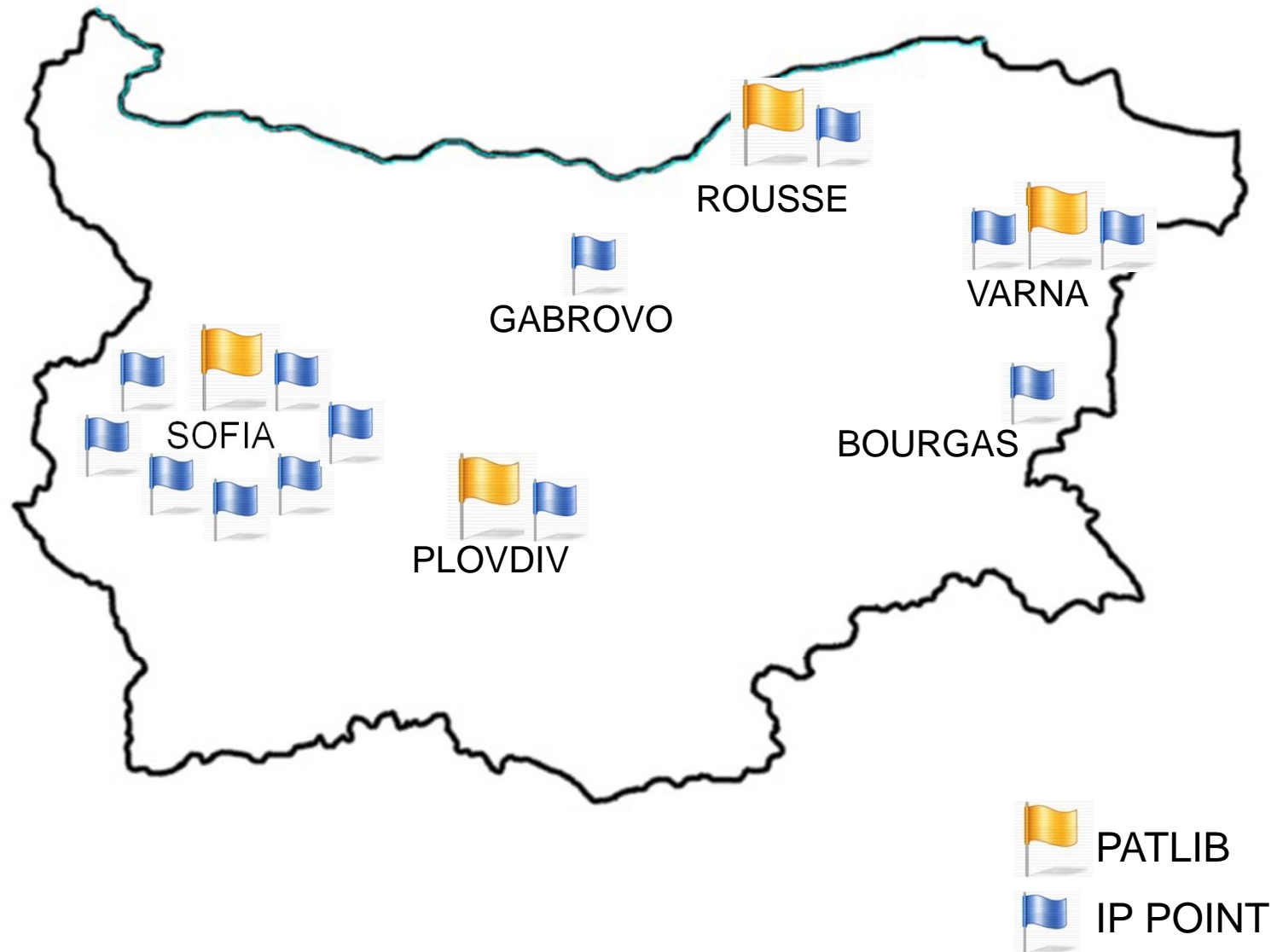
First steps of achieving the initiative

12 may 2006 – Technical University of Sofia

- ✓Technical University of Varna
- ✓University of Rousse- “Angel Kanchev”
- ✓University of Bourgas-“Prof.Dr. Asen Zlatarov”
- ✓Medical University of Sofia
- ✓Naval Academy “N.Y. Vaptsarov”- Varna

- ▶ **Expanding the network - 2007-2010**
 - ✓ State University for Library Studies and Information Technologies
 - ✓ University of National and World Economy
 - ✓ University of Forestry- Sofia
 - ✓ Technical University of Gabrovo
 - ✓ University of Food Technologies – Plovdiv
 - ✓ Bulgarian Academy of Science
 - ✓ Union of Inventors – Sofia
- ▶ Training of the co-ordinators of each IP Point
 1. First stage - Basic knowledge on IP – definition, objects,function of the BPO,etc.
 2. Second stage – legal protection of inventions, GIs., TMs and Designs; legislation; filing requirements,etc.
- ▶ “University initiative” of WIPO
- ▶ Good practices – Days of the Patent Office in different Universities; Week of the BPO in the technical universities; Exhibition of Inventions since 2009

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Conclusions

Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria will continue to work hard to raise Industrial Property awareness and to build capacity in national scientific society. Our Office will also continue to enlarge the scope of activities in support of innovation and entrepreneurship.

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