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**Project title:****BG65AMNP001-2.004-0006-C01****“Training and Counselling of Legal Migrants, Asylum-Seekers and Beneficiaries of International Protection”**

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The **overall objective** of the project is to provide support to third-country nationals (TCNs) legally residing in Bulgaria, including asylum-seekers and beneficiaries of international protection, for the purposes of facilitating their social, economic and cultural integration. TCNs will receive information about the legal rights and obligations related to their stay in Bulgaria and will improve their knowledge concerning relevant social, educational, health and labor service providers.

The project will assist TCNs in overcoming integration challenges in the areas of employment, education and cultural adaptation. Career support services will be provided in order to facilitate access to employment. Special attention will be paid to the needs of vulnerable TCNs such as unaccompanied children, people with health problems, pregnant women and others. In addition, Bulgarian language training for TCNs will be offered.

**Activities:**

1. Information and counseling services aimed at facilitating the cultural adaptation of TCNs, including:
  - Improving the social orientation and cultural adaptation of TCNs by increasing their knowledge of Bulgaria’s social system, political structure, culture, traditions, etc.;
  - Provision of career support services to facilitate employment;
  - Counseling and referrals of TCNs to service providers as needed;
  - Provision of information to support TCNs access public and private services;
  - Organization of information events and dissemination of information materials;
  - Dissemination of information relevant to the integration and cultural adaptation of TCNs in Bulgaria through IOM’s website and Facebook page.

2. Bulgarian language courses:

- It is expected that a total of 2600 TCNs will be facilitated in the process of integration and accessing services, employment and education, 600 TCNs of whom will improve their ability to understand and communicate in Bulgarian.

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