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Project title:
**BG65AMNP001-2.004-0005-C01 „Provision of Integration Support
to Asylum-Seekers and Beneficiaries of International Protection in Bulgaria“**

The project is funded by the National Program of Bulgaria under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund 2014-2020 with the financial support of the European Union and the budget of the Republic of Bulgaria.

Overall objective of the project: within the framework of this project, IOM will provide administrative, legal, health, psychological and social assistance to persons seeking international protection or beneficiaries of international protection in Bulgaria, with special attention being paid to the needs of vulnerable groups. The team of experts, comprising a psychologist, social worker and legal counselor, will provide services in the Registration and Reception Centers (RRCs) of the State Agency for Refugees (SAR) and at IOM's offices in Sofia and Harmanli.

The experts will provide individual consultations (psychological, social and legal), vulnerability assessments and support in accessing health and social services. As part of their work in the RRCs and in the community, the team of experts will organize information sessions on good hygiene practices and other topics of interest depending on the needs of the target group. It is anticipated that a minimum of 1,300 persons seeking international protection and beneficiaries of international protection will receive administrative, legal, health, psychological and social assistance for the purposes of improving their access to services, social inclusion and integration in the Bulgarian society.

The **main objective** of the project proposal is:

- Easing the process of integration of persons seeking international protection and beneficiaries of international protection into the Bulgarian society by providing comprehensive support services with special attention being paid to the needs of vulnerable persons under Directive 2008/115/EC.

The **specific objectives** of the project proposal are:

- Providing administrative, legal, health, psychological and social assistance for the purposes of the successful self-realization and social inclusion of third-country nationals legally residing in Bulgaria, including persons seeking international protection and beneficiaries of international protection.
- Supporting the effective interaction of the target group with Bulgarian institutions incl. by providing written and oral translation and interpretation in communications with health-care providers, general practitioners, social services, schools, the police, employment agencies, the National Revenue Agency, the National Social Security Institute and other structures on central and local level.

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Term of implementation: 36 months