



**ДЪРЖАВНА АГЕНЦИЯ  
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## ROUND TABLE

**„IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR REFUGEE INTEGRATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE REGULATIONS RELATED TO REFUGEE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA”  
SOFIA, 24 – 25 NOVEMBER 2008**

### AGENDA

**Organizers:** The State Agency for Refugees(SAR) with the Council of Ministers, the UNHCR Representation Office in Bulgaria, the Bulgarian Council for Refugees (BCR).

**Participants:** Experts from the State Agency for Refugees, the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, the Ministry of Health, The Ministry of Education and Science, the National Insurance Institute, Sofia City Municipality, NGOs.

**Aim:** Analysis of the regulations and practice related to social assistance, accommodation, education, and healthcare provided to foreign citizens that have been granted refugee or humanitarian status in Bulgaria. Suggestions for amendments and respective improvement.

**24.11.2008 г.**

<b>09.00 – 09.30</b>	Registration
<b>09.30 – 10.00</b>	Opening of the Round Table, Introduction of aims and participants. Speeches of welcome by: The Managing Board of the Bulgarian Red Cross Mr. Svetoslav Michev, Chairman of the State Agency for Refugees Ms. Cathrine Hamon Sharpe, UNHCR Representative in Bulgaria Ms. Kina Sabeva, Chairman of the of the Bulgarian Council for Refugees
<b>10.00 – 10.30</b>	Introduction of the National Programme for Refugee Integration 2008 – 2010 with a focus on the practical measures for its implementation Anna Andreeva – SAR
<b>10.30 – 11.15</b>	<b>Panel I: Measures for the in Integration of Newly Recognized Refugees</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Integration of newly recognized refugees in Bulgaria – achievements, difficulties and proposals for amendments from the point of view of refugees that have been integrated in the country Linda Awanis – RWC Pakuan Kulang – RMS at BRC</li> <li>▪ The experience of Caritas in the integration of newly recognized refugees with special needs</li> </ul>

	<p style="text-align: right;">Radosveta Hadjieva - Caritas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Implementation of the National Programme for Refugee Integration outside Sofia</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Margarita Russeva, Regional BRC Director, town of Sliven</p>
<b>11.15 – 11.30</b>	Coffee break
<b>11.30 – 12.30</b>	<b>Discussions and Recommendations</b>
<b>12.30 – 14.00</b>	Lunch
<b>14.00 – 15.00</b>	<p><b>Panel II: Accommodation of refugees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Analysis of the regulations and practice applied in the field of accommodation Aloyo Alex Ongiro – RMS at BRC</li> <li>▪ Position and experience of the State Agency for Refugees related to the accommodation of refugees Neli Dimitrova - SAR</li> <li>▪ Legal regulations and practice related to accommodation in public houses within the territory of the Sofia City Municipality Representative of the Sofia City Municipality</li> </ul>
<b>15.00 – 15.30</b>	<b>Discussions and Recommendations</b>
<b>15.30 – 15.45</b>	Coffee break
<b>15.45 – 16.45</b>	<p><b>Panel III – Social Assistance of Refugees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Analysis of the regulations and practice applied in the field of social assistance Marinela Radeva – AIRM</li> <li>▪ The experience of Zahra Abdel Amir, a refugee woman</li> <li>▪ Position and experience of the State Agency for Refugees related to the social assistance of refugees Maria Mitova - SAR</li> <li>▪ Position of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy related to the social assistance of refugees Representative of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy</li> </ul>
<b>6.45 – 17.15</b>	<b>Discussions and Recommendations</b>
<b>17.15 – 17.30</b>	Summary of the work done during the first day and closing of the session

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<b>09.00 – 10.00</b>	<p><b>Panel IV: Access to Education of Refugees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Analysis of the regulations and practice applied in the field of refugee education Aloyo Alex Ongiro – RMS, BRC</li> <li>▪ Position and experience of the State Agency for Refugees related to refugee access to education Valentine Koeva - SAR</li> <li>▪ Position of the Ministry of Education and Science (MES) related to refugee access to education Representative of MES</li> </ul>
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<b>10.00 – 10.30</b>	<b>Discussions</b>
<b>10.30 – 11.00</b>	Coffee break
<b>11.00 – 12.30</b>	<p><b>Panel V: Health Insurance and access of refugees to health care</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Analysis of the regulations and practice in the field of health insurance and access of refugees to healthcare</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Marinela Radeva – AIRM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Position and Experience of the State Agency for Refugees with regard to health insurance and refugee access to healthcare</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Stoika Kalcheva - SAR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Positions of the Ministry of Health(MH), the National Health Insurance Fund(NHIF) and the National Insurance Institute(NII)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Representatives of MH, NHIF, NII</p>
<b>12.30 – 13.00</b>	<b>Discussions</b>
<b>13.00 – 14.30</b>	Lunch
<b>14.30 – 16.00</b>	Summary of the suggestions and recommendations made for the improvement of the norms and regulations related to the rights and obligations of refugees in Bulgaria and the implementation of the National Programme for Refugee Integration. Closing of the Round Table