

Summary in English

The second issue for 2021 of the academic bulletin “Refugees: Today and Tomorrow” was prepared in cooperation between Multi Kulti Collective (MKC), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and Bulgarian Council for Refugees and Migrants (BCRM) under the project “Capital of Tolerance in an Era of Pandemic: Students Connect Academic Community and NGOs for Refugees and Migrants”, funded by Sofia Municipality within the programme “Crisis as an Opportunity”. It is an entirely student issue and includes articles of the interns participating in the project who have successfully completed a two- or three-month internship in five NGOs (Bulgarian Red Cross, Caritas Sofia, Council of Refugee Women in Bulgaria, Foundation for Access to Rights and Centre for Legal Aid “Voice in Bulgaria”). During the internship, the students had the task to do some research for the academic bulletin on a topic that provoked their interest. Thus, the issue contains a thematic article on the challenges that NGOs face regarding financing, in-between projects and donors, based on the case of the Council of Refugee Women in Bulgaria. Some of the articles have a strong legal focus and address topics such as the procedure for issuing a D visa as a barrier to the right to privacy and family life and the position of unaccompanied minors in the context of family reunification. Two articles offer an understanding of the situation in countries of origin such as Libya and the Gaza Strip. There is also a section that examines various aspects in the field of integration like the role of learning Bulgarian language, involving refugees in art projects and the attitudes of the host society in the process of integration. The issue also presents a project by a team of young researchers from “Policy and Citizens Observatory: migration, digitalisation, climate”, who work to empower young refugees and migrants. The issue ends with an interesting article on building conscious and compassionate communities.