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**Project title:**  
**BG65AMNP001-1.006-0003-C01**  
**„Strengthening the Capacity of National Institutions and Non-Governmental Organizations**  
**in the Field of Asylum“**

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The **overall objective** of the project is to improve the services offered to persons seeking international protection by strengthening and enhancing the administrative capacity of national institutions and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working with these persons.

The activities will build on and contribute to enhancing the existing administrative capacities of national institutions and NGOs with a view of providing services and support to persons seeking international protection. The project will focus on translators, social workers and other employees of the State Agency for Refugees (SAR), the State Agency for Child Protection (SACP), the Agency for Social Assistance (SAA), municipalities and non-governmental and international organizations engaged in the provision of services for persons seeking international protection.

IOM Bulgaria will carry out 16 trainings on the following topics:

- Administrative capacity;
- Working through consecutive translation;
- Working with vulnerable persons;
- Protection of human rights;
- Gender-based violence;
- Conflict mediation;
- National and European asylum legislation;
- Organizing focus groups and information sessions for persons seeking protection.

In addition to the 16 training sessions, IOM Bulgaria will organize 5 workshops and 5 field visits to the Registration and Reception Centers (RRCs) of SAR with the participation of representatives of national institutions and NGOs, experts from the IOM regional office in Brussels and offices in other EU Member States and asylum experts from other EU Member States for the purpose of exchanging experience and good practices and providing recommendations for improving the capacity of the national asylum system.

IOM Bulgaria will engage national institutions and NGOs and will develop standard operational procedures to prevent and respond to cases of gender-based violence in RRCs, which will be disseminated among partner organizations.

At least 300 translators, social workers and other employees of national institutions and NGOs will increase their knowledge during the course of the project.

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

- To contribute to the improvement of services provided to persons seeking international protection.

The **specific objective** of the project proposal:

- To strengthen and enhance the administrative capacity of national institutions and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) working with persons seeking international protection, including through trainings for translators, social workers and other staff members.

All project activities will be implemented in strict compliance with the principles of humane treatment, observing the rights and respecting the dignity of TCNs.

Start date: **11.10.2017**

End date: **11.10.2021**

Term of implementation: **48 months**