Education in Bulgaria needs to focus on developing young people who:

- Freely develop their complex cultural identities and are comfortable with them;
- Understand and respect cultural diversity around them;
- Possess the necessary skills and positive attitudes for effective intercultural communication and interaction;
- Become active and responsible citizens in their respective communities, in Bulgaria, Europe and the world.

**INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION**

Can be achieved when

- All educational policies, practices, resources are given and explicit an explicit intercultural orientation;
- Teachers, publishers, pupils, parents, textbook writers, educational policy makers commit themselves to promote its core principles.

So that eventually

- Schools, textbooks, teaching & learning methods reflect and adequately shape the reality of contemporary BG society;
- do not shy away from the challenges of potentially sensitive issues;
- take part in constructing a progressive active and civic worldview in young people.

**Helpdesk activities:**

- Train a team of evaluators (specialists in ELT, Bulgarian Language and literature, History, Geography, Philosophy, Civic Education, Psychology, Biology, and Chemistry);
- Create and pilot an evaluation tool (framework criteria);
- Provide new intercultural readings of existing educational documentation;
- identify problematic areas (instances of implicit and explicit discriminatory attitudes and practices;
- advise and train educational practitioners on how they can build upon the IC potential of the existing resources;
- consult and train educational practitioners on how to overcome the problematic area and open new sites for IC education.

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