The SAR launches first coordinated model for community-based support of unaccompanied refugee children

The SAR has launched a pilot project, the first of its kind in both Bulgaria and the EU, aimed at providing alternative social services for unaccompanied refugee children. The initiative is being implemented in partnership with four municipalities (Burgas, Ivaylovgrad, Malko Tarnovo, and Tundzha) as well as the IOM and UNICEF Bulgaria.

The project focuses on protecting and integrating this vulnerable group by developing effective, intersectoral care services. The plan includes setting up specialized social services in four locations, with two services each at two of them. These will offer quality, accessible support tailored to the needs of unaccompanied children.

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