

“BULGARIAN EMIGRATION TO UNITED KINGDOM”

(SHORT PROJECT SUMMARY)

The migration of labour force is one of characteristics of globalization world with great importance for the world economy. Migrant`s transaction of financial resources is the second money flow that gives way only to the significance of the oil. The number of emigrants in the world grew double between 60ths and 90ths and its increases evident at the beginning of 21 century.

The migration of Bulgarian citizens is one of gathered head questions for Bulgarian society because of the big number of emigrants who have left the country in the last 20 years. As an evidence of its actuality the accepted by Bulgarian government “National Strategy for Migration and Integration (2008-2015)” can be shown. Although the numerous researches on diverse problems of movement, integration and adaptation, realized by different state, academic and nongovernment organizations and concerning different regions there are many undeveloped topics. One of them concerns the problem of Bulgarian emigration community in Great Britain. For this reason the present project is directed to that poor developed but topical problem for Bulgarian science and society. In the historical aspect this low interest is due to the fact that United Kingdom is not the favorable destination of migration until recently but it is used as a transit point for travel to America. On the other side that country has become one of the desired place into European Union at the last 20 years and Bulgarian community drastic grows reaching to the impressive number of 200 000. The acceptance of our country to the European Union and dropping out the visa regime for Bulgarian citizens contribute vastly to this tendency. It should be noticed that the Island still has work restrictions for Bulgarian and Romanian citizens that don`t put obstacles for their emigration.

The basic scholar aim of the project is an achievement of integrity knowledge about dynamics of Bulgarian emigration to United Kingdom in historical and contemporary aspects in 19-21 centuries period. For its realization it is necessary to decide several problems:

- *Study dynamics of migration movements of Bulgarians in diverse historical periods that could be divided at different stages:*
 - = period of Bulgarian Revival (from beginning of 19 century to 1878), when the first information about Bulgarians in Britain were received;
 - = period after restoration of Bulgarian state (1878-1944) when the economical movement were realized;

= period of communist regime in Bulgaria (1944-1989), when two types of migrations happened – political (migration of “enemies” of communist regime) and labour (trade representatives of different Bulgarian enterprises);

=emigration in 1989-2006 period;

=emigration in 2007-2009 in period, the biggest migration waves and it is connected with visa regime dropping out;

- *Identification of motives for realization of migrations;*
- *Map-making of Bulgarian emigration community in Great Britain;*
- *Study processes of adaptation and integration in the receiving society;*
- *Changes in culture and traditions of Bulgarian community in UK;*
- *Study the local policy and social adjustments in receiving and sending societies towards Bulgarian emigrants in UK;*
- *Study the social networks and its role during the emigration process and formation of Bulgarian community in UK;*
- *Construction of social-economic profile of Bulgarian emigrant in UK;*
- *Changes in the identification strategies as a result of emigration;*
- *Identification of positive and negative consequences for Bulgarian and British society;*
- *Prognostication of future movements of Bulgarian citizens to and from UK in the next years;*
- *Study the sentiments for eventual return of Bulgarian emigrants to Bulgaria;*
- *Influence of world economic crisis on the emigration processes.*