



## THEME 2: Intercultural Dialogue

### Material collection

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#### Bulgaria

#### Three Faces of Integration: Turks, Roma and Muslims of Bulgarian Origin

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#### Extracts from the Constitution of the Republic of Bulgaria promulgated on 12 July 1991

##### **Ts 202/1      Article 25      Citizenship**

- (1) A Bulgarian citizen shall be anyone born of at least one parent holding a Bulgarian citizenship, or born on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, should he not be entitled to any other citizenship by virtue of origin. Bulgarian citizenship shall further be acquirable through naturalization.
- (2) A person of Bulgarian origin shall acquire Bulgarian citizenship through a facilitated procedure.

##### **Ts 202/2      Article 13      Freedom of Religion**

- (1) The practicing of any religion shall be unrestricted.
- (2) Religious institutions shall be separate from the state.
- (3) Eastern Orthodox Christianity shall be considered the traditional religion in the Republic of Bulgaria.
- (4) Religious institutions and communities, and religious beliefs shall not be used to political ends.

##### **Ts 202/3      Article 11      Political Pluralism**

- (1) Politics in the Republic of Bulgaria shall be founded on the principle of political plurality.
- (2) No political party or ideology shall be proclaimed or affirmed as a party or ideology of the state.
- (3) All parties shall facilitate the formation and expression of the citizens' political will. The procedure applying to the formation and dissolution of political parties and the conditions pertaining to their activity shall be established by law.
- (4) There shall be no political parties on ethnic, racial or religious lines, nor parties which seek the violent seizure of state power.

##### **Ts 202/4      Article 12      Associations and Federations**

- (1) Associations of citizens shall serve to meet and safeguard their interests.
- (2) Citizens' associations, including trade unions, shall not pursue any political objectives, nor shall they engage in any political activity which is in the domain of the political parties.