

IMPLEMENTAREA POLITICII SOCIALE STRATEGICE PRIN FONDUL SOCIAL EUROPEAN - ANALIZĂ COMPARATIVĂ ÎNTRE BULGARIA ȘI SLOVACIA

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIC SOCIAL POLICY THROUGH EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND – COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS BETWEEN BULGARIA AND SLOVAKIA

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Abstract: European Union faces now diverse challenges with different characteristics, genesis and intensity – from Brexit to migration crisis. The EU management has to be prepared to answer the questions about the future of United Europe, including to rise against populist policies that gain popularity in many member-states. But unfortunately in this context well known problems such as unemployment, education, illiteracy and proper qualification etc. still rest unresolved. One of the major financial instruments for implementation social policy on European level is the European Social Fund. For all member states this fund plays a key role for improving social status of citizens, but for countries such as Bulgaria – this is one of the biggest and stable financial source to implement social activities and measures. On the other hand, Republic of Slovakia is a good example for fast growing economy due to the European funds. This allows us for a deep comparative analysis between both countries to find out citizens' needs and on this base – what are social priorities, planned measures and administrative structure for implementation programmes, funded by European Social Fund.

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