



# **SUPREME JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA**

---

## **EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMME**

**“THE JUDICIARY - INFORMED CHOICE  
AND CIVIL CONFIDENCE. OPEN COURTS  
AND PROSECUTOR’S OFFICES”**



# SUPREME JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

---

## Creation:

The Educational Programme is an initiative of the Supreme Judicial Council (SJC) of the Republic of Bulgaria.

The approved Concept is aimed at:

- Raising the awareness of the students with the structure and the functions of the Judiciary;
- Providing legal education and culture;
- Improving the confidence of the students in the judiciary and compliance with laws.





# **SUPREME JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA**

---

## **Partners:**

- **In 2014/2015 school year, it started as a Pilot Programme, in compliance of an Agreement for Cooperation signed with the Ministry of Education and Science (MES), and with Regional Education Administration Offices and Media as main partners;**
- **Local communities and institutions, law enforcement bodies, such as Regional Departments of the Ministry of Interior, the Directorate General for Combatting Organised Crime, the National Customs Agency, Child Counselling Services, the**

**Local Committees on Anti-social Behaviour of Juveniles and Minors and other joined the Programme.**





# SUPREME JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

---

## Target groups:

- **The Programme has started with students from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> degree, but actually, students from 8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> degree are already taking part;**
- **It is implemented in lessons on Ethics and Law, in classes dedicated to organizational matters and in lessons on Philosophy;**
- **Judges, prosecutors and judicial officials from judicial authorities have been involved as lecturers and mentors.**





# SUPREME JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

---

## Educational subjects:

- Initially, there in the Concept have been specified 7 subjects of lectures on the structure and functions of the Judiciary;
- In 2015, upon a proposal of magistrates participating as lecturers, the subjects have been revised and extended;
- As of 2016, there have been also included subjects on administrative and criminal proceedings.





# SUPREME JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

---

## Upgrade of the Programme:

In 2015 the objectives of cooperation between the SJC and the Ministry of Education and Science have been extended on:

- Prevention of juvenile delinquency;
- Implementation of one of the elements of the civil education in practice.

In order to achieve sustainability of the Programme, in 2016 the SJC has signed a new Agreement for a five-year period.





# SUPREME JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

## Outcomes:

- The Programme started in 2014/2015 school year with 23 District Courts (Second Instance Courts) and 21 District Prosecutors' Offices in 28 municipalities.
- During 2015/2016 school year the Programme has been implemented by 187 Judicial Authorities in 140 schools;
- During 2016/2017 school year 156 courts and prosecutor's offices in partnership with 132 schools in 84 municipalities have taken part in the Programme;
- 484 magistrates and judicial

officials have been lecturers and mentors;

According to data provided by the Ministry of Education and Science, a total of 11 622 students have been included.





# SUPREME JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

## Best practice:

- The Courts and the Prosecutor's Offices have been working together;
- A differentiated approach has been applied, be taken account of the age and the interests of the students;
- Closing events have been combined with the "Open days" initiative;
- Study visits of students in court buildings;
- Drawn up learning and information materials.

Партньори по проекта Висш съдебен съвет и Министерството на образованието и науката. Проектът се осъществява сподорепата на Община Ловеч

## Образователна програма СЪДЕБНАТА ВЛАСТ - ИНФОРМИРАН ИЗБОР И ГРАЖДАНСКО ДОВЕРИЕ

ТЕМИ:

- РАЗДЕЛЕНИЕ НА ВЛАСТИТЕ СПОРЕД  
КОНСТИТУЦИЯТА НА РЕПУБЛИКА БЪЛГАРИЯ.
- ПРОФЕСИИТЕ СЪДИЯ, ПРОКУРОР И СЛЕДОВАТЕЛ.
- ЗАЩИТА ПРАВАТА ПРЕД СЪДЕБНИТЕ ИНСТИТУЦИИ.  
ДЕТСКО ПРАВОСЪДИЕ.
- ПРЕВЕНЦИЯ СРЕЩУ УПОТРЕБАТА НА НАРКОТИЦИ.  
ПРЕСТЪПЛЕНИЯ, ИЗВЪРШЕНИ ОТ  
НАРКОЗАВИСИМИ ЛИЦА.
- ДОМАШНО НАСИЛИЕ-ЗАЩИТА ПРАВАТА НА  
ЖЕРТВИТЕ.
- ТРАФИК НА ХОРА.
- ДЕЦАТА И  
КОМПЮТЪРНИТЕ/КИБЕРПРЕСТЪПЛЕНИЯТА.
- СЪДЕБНИ ПРОЦЕДУРИ С УЧАСТИЕТО НА  
ДЕЦА-ОРГАНИ ОКАЗВАЩИ ПОДДРЕПА И ЗАЩИТА.
- ВЪЗПИТАТЕЛНИ МЕРКИ ПРИ ДЕЦА С  
ПРОТИВООБЩЕСТВЕНИ ПРОЯВИ.
- ХУЛИГАНСКИ ПРОЯВИ. ДЕТСКО НАСИЛИЕ.
- ГРАЖДАНСКИ БРАК-ПРЕДПОСТАВКИ ЗА  
СКЛЮЧВАНЕ.
- ПТП СЛЕД УПОТРЕБА НА АЛКОХОЛ И НАРКОТИЧНИ  
ВЕЩЕСТВА.

***Включи се и ти!  
Бъди магистрат за един ден!***

Проектът се осъществява с участието на прокурори и съдии от Районна прокуратура Ловеч,  
Окръжна прокуратура Ловеч, Районен съд Ловеч и Окръжен съд Ловеч.

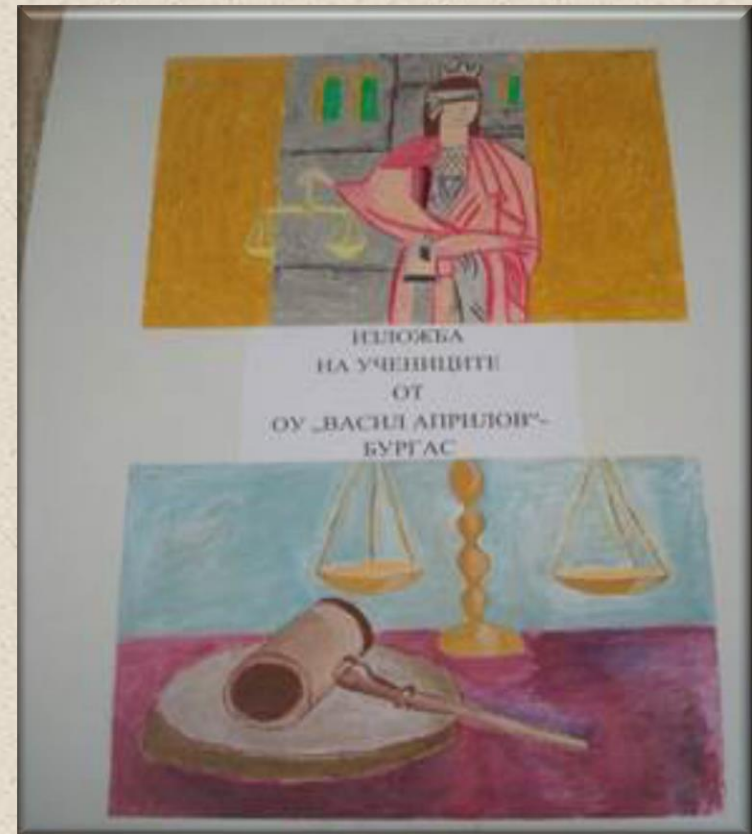




# SUPREME JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

## Innovative practices:

- **Conducting simulated court proceedings (over 60 conducted during 2016/2017), quizzes, discussions, essay contests, paintings and other;**
- **Proactive Approach of the Judiciary;**
- **Conducting raising awareness campaign;**
- **All participating students have obtained a Certificate of attendance.**





# SUPREME JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

## Funding:

- In 2017 the SJC has provided 97 courts with prize funds for the students and 31 courts with funds for learning and information materials;
- The SJC has provided Judicial Authorities with 12 000 printed copies of the “Constitution of the Republic of Bulgaria” intended for the participating students.





# SUPREME JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

## Assessment and Achievements:

- A positive evaluation has been given by students and teachers for the usefulness of the Programme;
- In 2016, the former Deputy Prime Minister – Mrs. Meglena Kuneva has presented the Programme to the National Assembly and has given it a high appreciation;
- The work on the Programme shall be taken into consideration in the appraisal of the participating magistrates;
- The strategic objective for better knowledge and understanding of the judicial institutions and increasing the confidence in justice has been achieved.





# SUPREME JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF THE REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA

---



***Thank you for your attention!***