



### Lecture on the protection of migrants' rights

More than 50 students from Romance Languages High School “G. S. Rakovski” in Bourgas listened to a lecture on the rights of migrants and their status in the European Union. The administrative Judge Chavdar Dimitrov from Burgas, who has practiced at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg and the Court of Justice of the European Union in Luxembourg, introduced the tenth-graders from the Romance Language High School to the main points of the European Convention on Human Rights, of life and of freedom and security, the prohibition of torture, the prohibition of slavery and forced labor, the prohibition of discrimination, freedom of thought, conscience, religion, etc.



The magistrate had selected specific cases that had been dealt with by the Court in Strasbourg and had ruled on one or another violation of the rights of the child in the European countries.



The students were interested in the rights of refugees in Bulgaria and Europe and the difference between an asylum seeker and a migrant. The magistrate clarified that the refugee is a person who has left his country for fear of persecution because of race, nationality, belonging to a particular social group or political opinion. Very often, refugees are people fleeing warfare in their country, Judge Dimitrov added, pointing out that migrants decide to leave their country for reasons that are not related to persecution and fear for their lives.



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