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**PUBLIC INITIATIVES TO HELP REFUGEES IN BULGARIA (END OF
XIX - 30IES OF XX CENTURY**

(Summary)

One of the consequences following the political changes on the Balkan Peninsula - the end of XIX and the first two decades of XX century was the reorientation toward Bulgaria of a large number of Bulgarians, left in the boundaries of neighboring states. Their settling within the country had different intensity and came in several big waves. The study deals with the parameters of involvement on the part of the Bulgarian society toward the fate of these refugees. Three lines of impact are outlined: donations to the refugees, mutual support among the refugees' communities, one-time, or more durable initiatives in support of those in need on the part of different civil organizations in the period 1878-1939. The conclusions are drawn as to the significance of these activities, not only in view of the concrete results, but in respect of the awakening and maintaining of public interest and attention toward the problems of the refugees and their adaptation.