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A CASE STUDY ON MUSLIM MINORITIES (TURKS AND MUSLIM BULGARIANS) IN THE SCR OF BULGARIA

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Abstract

The objective of this paper is to assess the impact of the European regional policy and the European integration of Bulgaria on the political mobilisation, social-economic status and the perception of two compact Muslim groups – Turks and Muslim Bulgarians (Pomaks), who are the local majority in the Kardzhali and Smolyan districts of the South Central Region of Bulgaria – about their place within united Europe.

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