As a member state of the European Union, Bulgaria is part of the common European efforts to create a working and modern vision for a social Europe, taking into account the challenges in the area of poverty and social exclusion. In the context of the European Semester and the Open Method of Coordination (OMC) in the field of social inclusion and social protection, the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy (MLSP) participates in different formats of meetings at European level as well as in the development and presentation of National Social Reports, questionnaires, positions and opinions on social inclusion. An essential aspect of social inclusion policy is to participate in the development and reporting of the National Reform Program and in the development of a national opinion on Specific Recommendations to Member States on Poverty Reduction and Promoting Social Inclusion within the European Semester.