

TV debate at TV *Kanal Vis* in Strumica

TV debate on the topic *Integration of the ethnic minorities in the public life* was held on 9th December, 2008 on TV Kanal Vis - Strumica. Aim of the TV debate was to assess current situation with the participation of minority ethnic communities in public life, and their involvement in decision making processes. Debaters were: Zoran Uzunov, Municipal educational inspector, Iris Kumbaraci, teacher in elementary school *Marshal Tito* Strumica, Jasar Abdiev, President of Humanitarian Organisation *Sukri Ramo* - Strumica and Sofia Mekanxhieva, teacher. The debate was moderated by Georgi Kalajxhiev journalist from TV *Kanal Vis*. Main topic of discussion within the debate were: low level of education of Turkish ethnic communities, especially girls; need of studying Macedonian language from the first grade; existence of inadequate educational staff; social status and awareness of parents as one of the reasons for children not going to school; role of NGOs in improvement of education of Turkish ethnic community.

The TV debate lasted from 20.30 till 21.45 and was organized by NGOSC Strumica. All TV debates were announced with TV spot from the campaign that was broadcasted 2 weeks on the local media.