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### ISS – Bulgaria

has more than 20 years experience defending children's rights and interests, protecting adults and families in difficult cross-border situation and resolving family conflicts with international element.

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provides legal and psycho-social support and assistance to persons who have been adopted nationally and internationally, so that they can exercise the right to information regarding their biological origin.



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### POST-ADOPTION SEARCH FOR ORIGINS

## Provision of Support and Assistance to Adopted Persons, Biological Parents and Adopters

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## 1. Tracing of biological parents

- Legal consultancy regarding the right of every adopted person to receive information about his biological origin
- Legal representation in front of the competent Court that can allow access to information regarding the biological origin
- Representation in front of the competent national and local authorities for exercising the right to information regarding the biological origin

## 2. Psycho-social support of adopted persons and biological parents

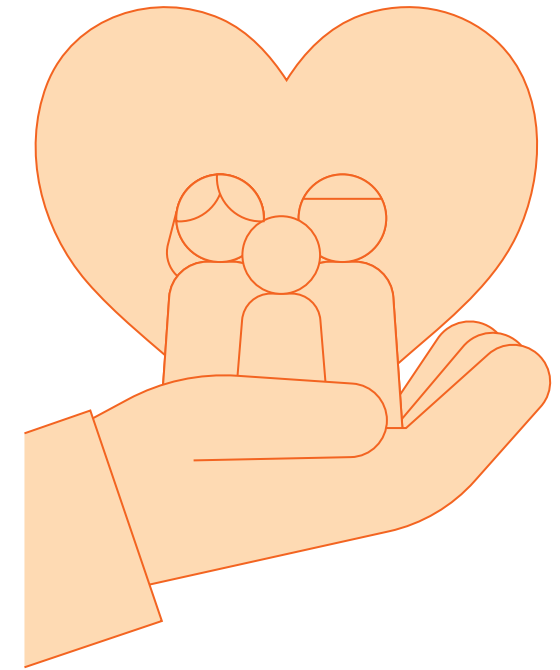
- Discreet outreach to the biological parents upon decision of the competent Court that has allowed access to information regarding the biological origin to exam their attitudes for contact with the adopted person
- Consultancy to facilitate contact between the adopted person and his biological parents



## 3. Facilitation of contacts and meetings between adopted persons and their biological parents

- Preparation of the adopted person to contact his biological parents upon decision of the competent Court that has allowed access to information regarding the biological origin

- Provision of premises for the contact, if necessary
- Referral to specialised services, if necessary



## 4. Support and counselling of adopters

- Counselling of adopters regarding the right of every adopted person to search and find his biological origin
- Provision of information regarding the benefits for the adopted persons to know their biological origin with respect to the identity formation, gaining access to medical history, achieving emotional stability, developing sense of belonging and establishing relations and connections with the members of the biological family