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The period of transition in Bulgarian in the fields of education, health care, and social services has not been completed.

This is what a report, prepared and presented Sunday by the Open Society Institute, said.

The period of transition is called the time after the fall of the communist regime in Bulgaria.

"Twenty years of the beginning of the transition, ten years after the beginning of the European Union acceptance negotiations, and two and a half years after Bulgaria entered the EU, the list of uncompleted task is long", Asya Kavrakova, one of the authors of the report, said.

In her words, the issues are connected not only with the requirements of the EU, but also concern education, health care and social work, in which the Union have not put conditions, and there is no common policy.

Reforms in these three fields are part of the national competence, and depend on the political will on national level, Kvrakova added.

The "uncompleted transition" is common for all Central and Eastern Europe contries, accepted to the EU, where the reports has been made.

An possible explanation for this occurrence is that on these countries' political stages there is too much fragmentation, and there are political parties that appear quickly, experience upsurge in short time, and decline soon. A potential problem is also the formation of minority government with weak parliamentary support.

"If the EU puts clear requirements, this will encourage the reforms in the Bulgarian economy, which are needed more than ever", Georgi Angelov said during the presentation of the report.

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