

Dear partners and friends,

It is a great pleasure for us to share with you current and recent activities of the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza"!

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Have a look at the newest materials on philanthropy uploaded on the Internet site of the Philanthropist Club on http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/club_na_filantropa/. Maria Ilieva from Class 2014 shares her thoughts on how we are ready to donate and what causes she supports - http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/club_na_filantropa/PDF/Chovechnostta_idva_ot_dushata_Maria_Ilieva.pdf (in Bulgarian).

On 23 April Iva Koleva will train BSoP alumni working on philanthropic causes how to build effective partnerships on the causes they support. Iva Koleva is the founder of Idea in Action Foundation and initiator of Caps in Action Campaign. You could find more information on our website after the event and in the next bulletin.

On 10 May the Charity evening of Class 2016 will take place. The cause for which will be fundraised is for creating a workshop for practical skills of children with intellectual disabilities. More information will be published after the event.



Recent activities

On 28 March Yvonne Panitza passed away. She was the one with whom Dimi Panitza shared all his good deeds -

<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/522-yvonne-panitza-passed-away> Rest in peace, Yvonne!

A representative of the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza" attended the international conference "**Migration Challenges in Southeast Europe: Policy Options for Building a Strong and Free Europe**". The event was on 7 and 8 April and was organized by the American University in Bulgaria.

On 30 March a **focus group under the project "Stimulating moral and ethical debate as a basis for social transformation of public values"** took place. Ten representatives of different cohorts of the National Program discussed the main hypotheses from a questionnaire for the state of democracy in Bulgaria. The project is being implemented by the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza" with the financial support of the America for Bulgaria Foundation. For more information please visit <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/524-alumnidiscusseddemocracy>

The 4th course of the National Program was held from 17 to 20 March. The topic was "**Bulgaria in the EU - Principles of Good Governance**". More information from the training days is available on

<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/514-thefourthcourseofthenationalprogramgoverningskillsstarted>

<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/515-thefutureofeurope>

<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/516-bulgarianprioritiesintheeuropeanparliament>

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<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/521-the-national-program-governingskills-finished-itsschool-year>

The final discussions at local level under the project “Life Changing Challenges” took place in March. A joint team of Platform AGORA - Active Communities for Development Alternatives and the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza" visited Radilovo, Malko Tarnovo, Chirpan, Krushare, Oreshak, Garvan, Antonovo, Provadia, Vidin, Kula, Pozharevo and Malashevtsi and had meetings with the local communities. During the discussions, the twenty-four community leaders, trained under the Programme for active civic participation and leadership, presented in front of other community members the solutions to the problems on which they worked in the past 3 months. The project is financed by the NGO Programme under the European Economic Area Financial Mechanism.

The eighteen non-financial projects focused on the Roma community were publicly presented in March. They were developed by the participants in the Programme for active civic involvement and leadership skills development for young Roma within the framework of a several months' mentoring programme. Six public discussions were organized in the planning regions and the Programme participants from the respective region, the mentors and representatives of local communities were invited. At the end of March, the final meeting under the project was held, at which all stakeholders were invited. The project “Encouraging Civic Participation of Young Roma” is jointly implemented by the Bulgarian School of Politics “Dimitry Panitza” and the Association “New Road - Hairedin” and financed by the NGO Programme under the European Economic Area Financial Mechanism 2009-2014. For more information please visit <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/523-job-fair-in-pavlikeni-municipality>



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