

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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## Current activities and initiatives

The selection process for the **National Program 2015/2016** continues. After review of the applications received, the short-listed candidates will be invited to interviews. The first course of the National Program 2016 will be held in November 2015. For more information, please contact Martina Kostova, Program Coordinator at BSoP at [mkostova@schoolofpolitics.org](mailto:mkostova@schoolofpolitics.org)

The interviews with the applicants for the **Program for active civic involvement and leadership skills development for young Roma** are ongoing. The first module of the Program will be held in September 2015. The activities are within the project “**Encouraging Civic Participation of Young Roma**”, which 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**.



## Recent activities

The first round of meetings with local communities to be included in the project “**Life Changing Challenges**” took place in July and the beginning of August. Topics such as how the community could be a better place to live in, how to engage local population in public policy processes, who the community leaders are and how they could effectively participate in the decision making processes at local level were discussed. The project is implemented in partnership between the Bulgarian School of Politics “Dimitry Panitza” and Platform AGORA - Active Communities for Development Alternatives and is financed by the **NGO Programme under the European Economic Area Financial Mechanism 2009-2014**.

Have a look at the newest materials on philanthropy and the inspiring stories of School’s alumni published on the Internet site of the **Philanthropist Club** on [http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/club\\_na\\_filantropa/](http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/club_na_filantropa/) (in Bulgarian) and the website of **Global Givers - an initiative of Bolder Giving** - <http://www.globalgivers.org/#!/bulgaria-stories/c1k3h> (in English).



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