

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"!

In this issue you could find information about:



Current activities and initiatives



Recent activities



Current activities and initiatives

We have renewed our website! Along with more information about the current projects and activities of the School, it provides more opportunities for debates and discussions. Please visit it at www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng

The **anthology on philanthropy in contemporary Bulgaria**, which was developed within the project funded through the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, is available upon request at the office of the School. It contains materials which will help those who donate or accept donations, best charity practices on how to collect donations for a cause, how to build long-term relationships with donors, templates of different documents, etc. Please feel free to contact us for a free copy.

The second course from the National Program 2012 is going to be from 25th to 29th January 2012 and will be dedicated to local development and self-government.



Recent activities

On 19th December a debate on “**Two years after Lisbon - where does Europe go to?**” was held in the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria. Current students and School Alumni attended the event. It was opened by the Chairperson of the Parliament - Ms. Tsetska Tsacheva and was initiated by Ms. Monika Panayotova - the Chairperson of the Parliamentary Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the European Funds and a School graduate, Class 2009. For more information, please visit <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/index.php/news-blog/119-debat-dve-godini-sled-lisabon-evropa-nakade>

On 07th December in the Aula hall of the New Bulgarian University, **Princess Laurentien van Oranje-Nassau of the Netherlands** delivered a lecture on the topic “**A different mindset for a sustainable future: the value of inter-generational dialogue**”. The lecture was part of the School’s “European Debates” initiative, which aims at introducing young political and civic leaders to the culture of philanthropy and sustainable development. More information could be found at <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/91-lets-not-compromise-the-ability-of-future-generations-to-take-their-decisions->

During her stay in Bulgaria, **Princess Laurentien** met Alumni representatives who work with children from Stara Zagora, Velingrad and Vidrare under the project “**Young Leaders Assisting the Social Integration of Children from Institutions**” financed through the Bonita Trust. The meeting was on 07th December and more information about it is available at <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/90-trust-children-give-them-a-sense-of-self-worth>

Over 100 Alumni from all classes of the National and Regional Programmes took part in the **Christmas Party** of the School. It was on 05th December in the Toskana Restaurant

of the Park-hotel Vitosha. All participants enjoyed meeting their colleagues and friends from the School and celebrating the forthcoming festive season.

The official opening of the **National Programme 2012** was on 30th November. Forty representatives of the parliamentary parties and civic organizations commenced their training in governing skills. The first course was from 30th November to 04th December in the RIU hotel in Pravets. The topic was "Leadership, Organisation, Communication". Special guests were the Prime-Minister Boyko Borisov and the newly elected president Rosen Plevneliev. To see the most interesting moments from the seminar, please visit

<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/index.php/news-blog/111-sergey-ignatov-reforma>,
<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/index.php/news-blog/110-aida-dogi-tunis>,
<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/index.php/news-blog/109-prof-mincho-balkanski>,
<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/index.php/news-blog/108-boiko-borisov-gost-na-nacionalnata-programa>, <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/index.php/news-blog/107-rosen-plevneliev-energiina-efektivnost>,
<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/index.php/news-blog/106-platforma-za-vazpitanie-na-lideri>

On 28th November the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza", the German Embassy to Bulgaria and the British Embassy to Bulgaria organized a conference "**Economic Impact of Low Carbon Investment**". For more information about the discussed topics and the key-speakers' presentations, please visit <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/index.php/news-blog/aktualni-saobshtenia>



Please join our Facebook page where we publish regular updates on our activities and initiate discussions on different topics!