

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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The third course of the National Program is going to be from 29 January to 02 February 2014. It will be dedicated to national priorities and national policies. For further information, please check our website.

The summary of the survey to what extent media encouraged and supported informed voting, how voters' opinion towards certain topics of public interest changed during the elections and what the role of media in it was, is available at http://role-of-media.schoolofpolitics.org/pdf-en/Analytical_Report_content_analysis_Summary%20EN.pdf. The full version of the analysis is available in Bulgarian. The analysis is part of the project "The Role of Media in Increasing Civic Participation in Public Life", financed by the Balkan Trust for Democracy and implemented in partnership with the Centre for Liberal Strategies.



Recent activities

The Graduation Ceremony of Class 2013 and the traditional Christmas Party of the School's Alumni were on 14 December. Thirty nine participants in the National Program of the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza", among them members of Parliament, mayors, municipal councilors, representatives of NGOs and businesses, etc. received their diplomas. For more information, please visit <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/297-graduation-class-2013-christmas-party-alumni>

The **second course of the National Program** was held from 4 to 8 December. It was dedicated to regional policies and local self-government. To follow the most interesting moments throughout the course, please visit

<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/291-the-second-course-of-the-national-program-has-started>

<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/292-elvin-guri-there-is-only-one-solution-for-the-future-to-educate-our-children-as-soon-as-possible-and-as-better-as-we-can>

<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/294-yordanka-fandukova-we-are-determined-to-develop-sofia-through-culture-and-spirituality>

<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/295--politics-through-the-prism-of-a-municipality-budget->

<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/296-bulgarias-long-term-strategies-education-and-labour-market>

From 27 to 29 November representatives of Class 2013 of the National Program participated in the World Forum for Democracy, organized by the Council of Europe. The topic for this year was "Re-wiring Democracy: connecting institutions and citizens in the digital age". For more information, please visit

<http://www.coe.int/en/web/world-forum-democracy/home>

The Bulgarian School of Politics signed an agreement for cooperation with the Civic School of Political Studies in Morocco. More information could be found at

<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/290-signing-agreement-bsop-morocco>



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