

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/. Which the 1000 reasons to be proud of being Bulgarians are and what it is to be a missionary of the Bulgarian spirit shares Nikolinka Gorova from Class 2015 - http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/club_na_filantropa/PDF/Misioner_na_balgarshtinata_Nikolinka_Gorova_2015.pdf (in Bulgarian).

On 11 March the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza" and the Bulgarian Environmental Partnership Foundation will organize a **roundtable with municipal authorities and experts**. The aim is to inform them about the outcomes from the survey regarding the ineffective reaction and actions of the local administration after the severe weather events that took place in Bulgaria last year. Additionally, future opportunities for the improvement of the municipal action plans in cases of extreme weather will be discussed. The event is part of the project "**Collaborative Action for Enhancing Public Awareness and Motivating Local Governments and Communities for Response and Adaptation to Climate Change**", which is implemented by the Environmental Partnership Foundation and the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza" and is financed by the NGO Programme under the European Economic Area Financial Mechanism.

The Report on the possibilities for participation of NGOs in the decision-making process in Bulgaria could be found on http://www.coe.int/en/web/ingo/newsroom/-/asset_publisher/BR9aikJBXnwX/content/ngo-participation-in-the-decision-making-process?inheritRedirect=false&redirect=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.coe.int%2Fen%2Fweb%2Fingo%2Fnewsroom%3Fp_p_id%3D101_INSTANCE_BR9aikJBXnwX%26p_p_lifecycle%3D0%26p_p_state%3Dnormal%26p_p_mode%3Dview%26p_p_col_id%3Dcolumn-4%26p_p_col_count%3D1 It was developed by the delegation of the Conference of INGOs at the Council of Europe after its fact-finding visit to Bulgaria from 23 to 25 November 2015. The Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza" was a co-organizer of the event. Take a look at the interviews with **Anna Rurka, President of the Conference**, for the Dnevnik online newspaper - http://www.dnevnik.bg/intervju/2015/12/16/2667952_anna_rurka_v_polsha_veche_misliat_za_grajdanski_sektor/?ref=rss (in Bulgarian) and **Anne Negre, Gender Equality Expert at the Conference**, for the Lady Today Magazine - <http://www.jenatadnes.com/tema-na-broia/jenite-rabotim-dva-mesetsa-i-polovina-bezplatno/> (in Bulgarian)



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From 11 to 14 February the 3rd module of the training for local leaders on developing public policies at local level took place. It was part of the project "Life Changing Challenges", which is jointly implemented by Platform AGORA - Active Communities for Development Alternatives and the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza" and is financed by the NGO Programme under the European Economic Area Financial Mechanism. More information will be available on our website.

The 3rd course of the National Program 2015/2016, entitled “National priorities and national decisions”, took place from 4 to 7 February. As part of the course, a special event - Kaleidoscope of Philanthropic causes was held. During it, three inspirational causes of BSoP alumni and three - of current participants in the National Program were presented. For more information, please visit <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/503-sixinspirationalcauses2016>. You could find more information about the other panels from the course on our website.

The Bulgarian School of Politics continues its work on the analysis of the social environment and its deficits for stimulating moral and ethical debate and social transformation of public values in the country. Based on the results, key areas, which are problematic for Bulgaria, will be defined and thoroughly studied. The analysis is part of the project “Stimulating moral and ethical debate as a basis for social transformation of public values”, implemented by the Bulgarian School of Politics “Dimitry Panitza” with the financial support of the America for Bulgaria Foundation.



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