

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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At the end of February, the Executive Director of the School Dr. Irina Alexieva and the International Projects Coordinator Yordanka Evgenieva were on a **work visit to Morocco**. During the visit, they had meetings with Mr. Andrey Azoulay, adviser to the king of Morocco and former president of the Anna Lindh Foundation, Mr. Driss El Yazami, the president of the National Council of Human Rights, and Mr. Mustapha Khalfi, the Minister of communication and the Speaker of the government. The Bulgarian representatives participated in a focus group for discussing the training needs of the political parties in Morocco and in particular - the need for programmes that empower women and youth. The visit was within the project “Supporting the Creation of a Multiparty Dialogue in Times of Transition: Experience Sharing between Bulgaria and Morocco”, which is funded by Robert Bosch Stiftung and implemented in partnership with the Citizen School for Political Studies in Morocco. For more information, please visit <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/436-bulgariahasalottooffertomarocco>

The **fourth course of the National Program** entitled “Bulgaria in the EU - Principles of Good Governance” is to be held from 26 to 29 March. On 28 March the Charity evening of the Class 2015 is to take place. The cause, which will be supported, is for establishing a support network for people with oncologic diseases. For more information, please check out our website or look at the next newsletter.



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Mr. Yassin Souidi, an alumnus of the Bulgarian School of Politics “Dimitry Panitza” took part in the Ministerial Meeting organized within the framework of the White House Summit to Counter Violent Extremism where he met with Ms. Meglena Kuneva, the deputy prime-minister of Bulgaria. For more information, please visit <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/437-alumnus-ofthebsopparticipatedatthewhitehouse>

The 3rd course of the National Program entitled “National Priorities and National Decisions” took place from 5 to 8 February. During the Course, in a special panel - **Kaleidoscope of Philanthropic Causes**, 8 inspiring personal causes were presented. Four of them were of the School’s alumni and four - of participants in the current National Program. The initiators of the causes looked for adherents and discussed opportunities for future joint work. Within the panel, the idea about creation of a **Philanthropist Club** was shared. It will provide opportunities for the School’s alumni and Program’s participants to share ideas, to support their philanthropic activities and to jointly work on different causes and initiatives. More information about the new opportunities for common activities provided by the **Philanthropist Club** will be available soon on our website.

Bulgarian School of Politics “Dimitry Panitza” continues working on the project “**Models and Good Practices for Legitimate Civic Representation**”, financed by the NGO Programme in Bulgaria under the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area. The goal is to support the dialogue and cooperation among decision makers,

civic organizations and other stakeholders, and to propose good practices and models of effective consultative councils with legitimate civic participation. For more information, please visit

<http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/projects/333-models-and-good-practices-for>



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