

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 Bulgarian School of Politics and the Centre for Liberal Strategies have been implementing a new project entitled **"The Role of Media in Increasing Civic Participation in Public Life"**. The goal of the project is to strengthen the role of media for influencing stronger citizen's participation. The objectives are to track the process of civic activation in the election campaigns and what motivates people to vote; to outline the role of media for encouraging civic participation during the election process, to promote the importance of independence and objectivity of media coverage during elections, and to propose measures for improving the media coverage during elections for promoting active citizenship and informed voting. The project is financed by the Balkan Trust for Democracy and its duration is from April 2013 to January 2014. For more information, please visit <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/projects/253-the-role-of-media>



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Sasha Bezuhanova was elected as the new Chair of the Board of the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza". For more information, please visit <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/252-sasha-bezuhanovachair-board> and <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/board>

On 10th and 11th May representatives of the Bulgarian School of Politics did a **Study visit in the UK**. During the visit they became familiar with the Giving Circles methodology for raising funds for different projects and causes and had meetings with the Founder of The Funding Network (<http://www.thefundingnetwork.org.uk/>) Dr. Fred Mulder and with Ms. Eugenie Harvey - Project Director, TFN Global. The BSoP representatives also attended a Giving Circle charity event "Family Funding Day", organized by the TFN. Among the supported projects was the Maria's World Foundation (<http://mariasworld.org/en/main/about>), which raised funds for developing a DAY CARE CENTRE for People with Intellectual Disabilities in Sofia. The Study visit was part of the project "Promoting Philanthropic Culture in Bulgaria 2012-2014", financed by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, the U.S.



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