

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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## Current activities and initiatives

The selection process for the National Program 2015/2016 continues with interviews of the short-listed candidates. The first course of the National Program 2016 will be held in November 2015. For more information, please contact Martina Kostova, Program Coordinator at BSop at [mkostova@schoolofpolitics.org](mailto:mkostova@schoolofpolitics.org)

Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza" started working on two new projects for raising citizen's awareness on decision-making processes and formation of public policies. Under the first project, entitled "**CivilRightsWatch - promoting civil participation in decision-making process in Bulgaria**", an interactive Internet-based tool will be developed. It will be in a form of a series of tests which will allow citizens to measure the level of understanding of their own civil rights provided by the Constitution. The project is implemented with the financial support of the Council of Europe and more information could be found on <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/projects/477-civilrightswatch> The second project - "**Stimulating moral and ethical debate as a basis for social transformation of public values**", aims to analyse the social environment based on the experts knowledge and professional experience of the alumni of the Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panitza". The project is implemented with the financial support of the America for Bulgaria Foundation. For more details, please visit the following link <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/projects/478-stimulatingmoralandethicaldebates>



## Recent activities

From 10 to 13 September the 1<sup>st</sup> module of the **Program for active civic involvement and leadership skills development for young Roma** took place in Veliko Tarnovo. The training was within the project “**Encouraging Civic Participation of Young Roma**”, which is jointly implemented by the Bulgarian School of Politics “Dimitry Panitza” and the Association “New Road - Hairedin” and financed by **the NGO Programme under the European Economic Area Financial Mechanism 2009-2014**. More information will be available soon on our website, in the Latest News section.

On 10 September the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the **Philanthropist Club** took place at the BSoP office. During it, School’s alumni working on different philanthropic initiatives discussed how to find adherents to a cause and inspire them to support it on a long-term basis. Interesting ideas from her practice shared Iva Koleva, who is the founder of the Idea in Action foundation and initiator of the Taps in Action campaign. More information about the main outcomes from the meeting could be found on <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/480-duringthe2ndmeetingofthephilanthropist> Take a look at the newest materials on philanthropy and the inspiring stories of School’s alumni published on the Internet site of the **Philanthropist Club** on [http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/club\\_na\\_filantropa/](http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/club_na_filantropa/) (in Bulgarian). Useful tips on how to better define your objectives could be found on the following link [http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/club\\_na\\_filantropa/PDF/Your\\_objectives.pdf](http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/club_na_filantropa/PDF/Your_objectives.pdf) (the text is in Bulgarian, however the source is in English)

Two events for raising people's awareness on the topic of adaptation to climate change were organized under the project **"Collaborative Action for Enhancing Public Awareness and Motivating Local Governments and Communities for Response and Adaptation to Climate Change"**. The first one took place in August in Varshetz during the traditional feast of the resort, the mineral water and the mountain. For more information, please visit <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/476-speaksatthefeast>. The second event was at the beginning of September in Berkovitz, during the traditional International Folklore Festival "Balkan Sings and Dances". More information about the main activities is available on <http://www.schoolofpolitics.org/eng/index.php/news/479-fortheriversclimateandpeople>. The project **"Collaborative Action for Enhancing Public Awareness and Motivating Local Governments and Communities for Response and Adaptation to Climate Change"** is jointly implemented by the Bulgarian 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 2009-2014.



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