

**STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF  
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**PROGRAMME**

**International training course**

**18-24 November 2018**

**Bulgaria**

**Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

Arrival of the participants

*Accommodation at St. Sofia Hotel, 18 Pirotska Street, Sofia (ул.  
Пиротска № 18, хотел Св. София)*

**19:45** Meeting at the hotel lobby and departure to the restaurant (10 minutes walking distance from the hotel)

**20:00** Dinner at restaurant “Siesta”, 8 Positano Street, Sofia (ул.  
Позитано № 8, София)

**Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Breakfast*

**8:30** Departure from the hotel to the Information Centre of the EU in Sofia (15-20 min walking distance from St. Sofia Hotel) – House of Europe, 124 G.S. Rakovski Street, Sofia

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**9:00 – 9:30** Registration of the participants

**9:30 – 9:45** Introductory remarks

**Diana Petrova**, *Regional Development Foundation (Bulgaria)*,  
*Coordinator of STRAPAC project for Bulgaria*

**9:45 – 10:00** Introduction to the project and short presentation of its achievements

**Calina Gelu**, *Centre for Dialogue between Sciences and Theology*,  
*University of Craiova*

**10:00 – 10:40** Presentations of the partners' institutions/organizations

**Calina Gelu**, *Centre for Dialogue between Sciences and Theology*,  
*University of Craiova (Romania)*

**Diana Petrova**, *Regional Development Foundation (Bulgaria)*

**Carla Cavallini**, *Gal del Ducato (Italy)*

**Tron Fagermoen**, *MF-Norwegian school of Theology*

**Petros Panagiotopoulos**, *Aristotle University of Thessaloniki*

**10:40 – 11:10** Presentation of participants (each participant will be asked to present him/herself and the organization or institution he/she represents)

**11:10 – 11:30** Coffee-break

**11:30 – 13:00** Presentation of participants

**13:00 – 14:00** Lunch break at the House of Europe, 124 G.S.Rakovski street, Sofia (ул. Г. С. Раковски № 124)

**14:00 – 14:30** EU Funding Opportunities in the Field of Education, Training, Social Assistance, and EU Citizens

**Diana Petrova**, *Regional Development Foundation*

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**14:30 – 15:15** Social Work of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church (brief history and present state)

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. Kostadin Nushev**, *Faculty of Theology, St. Clement University of Sofia*

**15:15 – 15:45** Discussion

**16:00** Departure to Sofia Metropolitan (10 minutes walking distance from the House of Europe), 7 Tsar Kaloyan Street, ул. „Цар Калоян“ № 7

**16:15 – 16:45** Welcoming coffee offered by *His Eminence Polycarpus, Bishop of Belogradchik and Vicar of His Holiness Neophyte, Metropolitan of Sofia and Patriarch of All Bulgaria*

**16:45 – 20:00** Sightseeing

**20:00** Dinner at restaurant “Siesta”, 8 Positano Street, Sofia (ул. Позитано № 8, София)

## **Tuesday, November 20th**

*Breakfast*

**8:30** Departure to Blagoevgrad from Central Hali, Sofia (5 minutes walking distance from “St. Sofia Hotel”)

**10:30 - 11:30** Arrival to Blagoevgrad and visiting The Orthodox Information Centre, Blagoevgrad

**11:30 – 12:15** Short tour around the old town of Blagoevgrad

**12:15** Departure to Rila Monastery of St. John of Rila

**13:00** Welcoming remarks

**His Eminence Eulogius**, *Bishop of Adrianopolis and Abbot of Rila Monastery*

**13:00 – 14:00** Lunch at Rila Monastery offered by the abbot

**14:00 – 16:00** Guided tour and free time at Rila Monastery (**optional**)

**16:00 – 17:30** Visiting the cave of St. John of Rila (**optional**)

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**17:30** Departure to Sofia

**20:30** Dinner at restaurant “Siesta”, 8 Positano Street, Sofia (ул. Позитано № 8, София)

### **Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Breakfast*

**8:50** Departure from the hotel

**9:00 – 10:00** Guided visit to the Sofia Synagogue and introduction of the Jewish community in Bulgaria

**Stela Behar**, *Administrative Director, Religious Community of the Jews in Bulgaria*

**10:00** Departure to the Information Centre of the EU (15-20 minutes walking distance from the Synagogue), House of Europe, 124 G. S. Rakovski Street, Sofia, Bulgaria (ул. Г.С. Раковски № 124, Дом на Европа)

**10:15 - 11:15** Group work (Sharing experience and good practices between the participants)

**11:15 – 11:30** Coffee break

**11:30 – 11:45** How to feed 300 people with 10 Euros?

**Moni Marinov**, *Orthodox brotherhood of the St. Elias the Profit Church*

**11:45 – 12:00** Parish Work with Deaf Children

**Silvana Pavlova**, *Development and Integration Foundation*

**12:00-12:30** Good Practices of Charity and Social Activity Among Bulgarian Orthodox Parishes

**Georgi Kanev**, *Pokrov Bogorodichen Foundation*, [www.diakonia.bg](http://www.diakonia.bg)

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**12:30 – 12:45** Discussion

**12:45 – 13:45** Lunch break at the House of Europe, 124 G.S. Rakovski Street

**13:45 – 14:30** Muslim Community in Bulgaria

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. Klara Toneva**, *Faculty of Theology, St. Clement University of Sofia*

**14:30 – 15:15** Discussion

**15:15 – 15:45** Coffee break

**15:45** Departure to the Cultural and Information Centre of Muslim belief in Bulgaria, 3 Pirotska Street, ул. „Пиротска“ № 3 (5 minutes walking distance from Sofia Diocese)

**16:00 – 16:30** Social Work of Muslim Community in Bulgaria

**Birali Birali**, *Deputy Chief Mufti of Bulgaria*

**18:00** Orthodox chants, dedicated to the feast of The Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple – traditional concert, organized by the Sofia Metropolitan at Bulgaria Hall (**optional**)

**20:00** Dinner at restaurant “Siesta”, 8 Positano Street, Sofia (ул. Позитано № 8, София)

## **Thursday, November 22**

*Breakfast*

**8:00** Departure from Central Hall (Sofia) to Plovdiv city

**10:50 – 13:00** Arrival and free time in the old town of Plovdiv

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**13:00** Departure to Arapovo Monastery of St. Kyriaki

**13:20 – 14:20** Lunch at Arapovo Monastery, offered by the abbot

**14:20 – 15:20** Guided tour and free time at Arapovo Monastery, and introduction of the activities, provided by the Monastery.

**15:30** Departure to Bachkovo Monastery of the Dormition of the Theotokos

**16:00 – 19:00** Guided tour and free time at Bachkovo Monastery

**19:00 – 20:00** Dinner at Bachkovo Monastery, offered by the abbot

**20:00** Departure to Sofia

### **Friday, November 23rd**

#### *Breakfast*

**9:00** Departure from the hotel to the Faculty of Theology (10 minutes walking distance), 19 St. Nedelya Square, площад „Св. Неделя“ № 19

**9:15 – 9:30** Welcoming remarks

**Pavel Pavlov**, *Deputy dean of the Faculty of Theology*

**9:30 – 9:45** Orthodox Centre for Drug Addicted People

**Dimitar Georgiev**, *Orthodox Centre for Drug Addicted People, Varna*

**9:45 – 11:45**

Round table on social work and social entrepreneurship (sharing experience and good practices between the participants)

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**11:45 – 12:15** Final remarks, evaluation and conclusion

**12:20 – 13:30** Lunch at the traditional restaurant “Hadjidraganovite izbi”, 18 Hristo Belchev Street, ул. Христо Белчев № 18 (5 minutes walking distance from the Faculty of Theology)

**13:45** Departure from Central Hali to The Nativity of Christ Parish Centre in Mladost district

**14:15-14:30** Welcoming remarks

**Mr. Rumen Russev**, *Mayor of Mladost district*

**14:30 – 15:30** Guided tour to The Nativity of Christ Church and welcoming coffee offered by **father Luchezar Vulkov**

**15:30** Departure to Novi Han village

**16:00 – 17:30** Visit to the orphanage of father Ivan in Novi Han village

**17:30** Return to Sofia

**20:00** Traditional Bulgarian dinner at restaurant “Siesta”, 8 Positano Street, Sofia (ул. Позитано № 8, София)

### Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>

Departure of the participants

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