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**I N T E R N A T I O N A L  
A C A D E M Y**

on the topic:

# **Is My Europe the Same as Yours?**

**July 14 – 18, 2014**

**Pirin Park Hotel, Sandanski (Bulgaria)**

## **P R O G R A M**

### **July 14, 2014 (Monday)**

#### **ARRIVAL AND ACCOMMODATION**

20:00 *Dinner*

### **July 15, 2014 (Tuesday)**

08:30 – 09:30 *Breakfast*

09:30 – 10:00 **OFFICIAL OPENING**

***Yasen Georgiev***

Executive Director, Economic Policy Institute

***Bogdan Mirtchev***

Representative of the Hanns Seidel Stiftung in Bulgaria

- 10:00 – 10:15 **PRESENTATION OF THE INITIATIVE**  
*Desislava Petrova*  
 Director “European Programmes and Projects”, Economic Policy Institute
- 10:15 – 11:00 **ICE-BREAKING SESSION**  
*Moderator: Desislava Petrova*  
 Director “European Programmes and Projects”, Economic Policy Institute
- 11:00 – 11:15 *Coffee break*
- 11:15 – 13:00 **BENEFITS AND COSTS OF THE EU MEMBERSHIP**  
*Dr. Kaloyan Simeonov*  
 Assistant Professor, Department of European Studies, Sofia University
- 13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00 – 17:30 **INTERACTIVE SESSION: MY COUNTRY IN MY EUROPE**  
*Moderator: Desislava Petrova*  
 Director “European Programmes and Projects”, Economic Policy Institute
- 14:00 – 14:50 *Creative presentations of the Bulgarian participants*
- 14:50 – 15:40 *Creative presentations of the Romanian participants*
- 15:40 – 16:30 *Creative presentations of the Greek participants*
- 16:30 – 17:30 *Interactive session and Discussion of the presentations*
- 19:30 *Dinner*

**July 16, 2014 (Wednesday)**

- 08:00 – 09:00 *Breakfast*
- 09:00 – 12:30 **KEY TOPICS ON THE EU AGENDA – LOCAL PERCEPTIONS**
- 09:00 – 10:00 *Dr. Kiril Avramov\**  
 Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, New Bulgarian University, Sofia
- 10:00 – 11:00 *Romanian speaker*
- 11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee break*
- 11:30 – 12:30 *Greek speaker*
- 12:30 – 14:00 *Lunch*

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14:00 – 15:30 **EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION AND FRUITFUL COOPERATION: BG-GR-RO**  
*Desislava Petrova*  
Director “European Programmes and Projects”, Economic Policy Institute

15:30 – 16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00 – 17:30 **INTERACTIVE SESSION**  
*Yasen Georgiev*  
Executive Director, Economic Policy Institute

19:30 *Dinner*

### **July 17, 2014 (Thursday)**

8:00 – 9:00 *Breakfast*

9:00 – 11:00 **PUBLIC DEBATE**  
*Moderator: Desislava Petrova*  
Director “European Programmes and Projects”, Economic Policy Institute

11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30 – 12:30 **LOCAL DIMENSIONS OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION**  
*Dr. Mimi Kornazheva\**  
Director, Bulgarian-Romanian Interuniversity Europe Center, Ruse

12:30 – 13:30 **CLOSING SESSION: CERTIFICATES AWARDING CEREMONY**  
*Congratulatory address to all participants:*

*Bogdan Mirtchev*  
Representative of the Hanns Seidel Stiftung in Bulgaria

*Yasen Georgiev*  
Executive Director, Economic Policy Institute

13:30 – 14:30 *Lunch*

14:30 *Excursion to the town of Melnik and Rozhen Monastery*

19:30 *Folklore dinner in a local restaurant*

### **July 18, 2014 (Friday)**

#### **DEPARTURE**

\*The International Youth Academy is a project for Bulgarian, Greek and Romanian students in their last years of bachelor or master’s study.