

# MIGRATION AND HUMAN SECURITY IN POST-CRISIS BULGARIA

## EUROPEAN AND NATIONAL POLITICAL AND CIVIL PERSPECTIVES

Migration remains prominent on the European agenda even though it is a relatively recent issue of concern. Today, it is one of the key themes provoking political and civic debates. It is not by accident that many people see it as the litmus test that will determine the future of the European Union. Voices for more solidarity and calls for more security create an environment where finding sustainable solutions is becoming more and more challenging, and the need for dialogue – inevitable.

Migration is also central to the priorities of the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU. It is in this context that the conference aims to bring together institutional and civic visions, national and European perspectives. The event will be held in two panels: "Migration Policy and Presidency of the Council of the EU" and "Citizens' Perspectives and Initiatives". Representatives of Bulgarian institutions, members of the European Parliament, international organizations, European and Bulgarian non-governmental organizations are invited to participate. An introductory speech will be delivered by Her Excellency Ms. Iliana Iotova, Vice President of the Republic of Bulgaria.



**1 MARCH 2018 13:00 – 17:30**

Sofia Hotel Balkan,  
Rila hall





# PROGRAMME

SOFIA HOTEL BALKAN

1 MARCH 2018

13:00 - 13:30

**REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE**

13:30 - 13:45

**Opening Address by the Vice-President of the Republic of Bulgaria Ms. Iliana Iotova**

13:45 - 15:15

**MIGRATION POLICY AND THE BULGARIAN PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EU**

*Moderator Prof. Anna Krasteva*

*Discussant Lubov Panayotova, Director European Institute Foundation*

**Liliana Stankova, State Agency for Refugees**

**Mathijs le Rutte, Representative of UNHCR for Bulgaria**

*From management of refugee flows to policy of integration: UNHCR's perspective and practices*

**Kamelia Dimitrova, Secretary National Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings**

*The antitrafficking between intensifying the fight against traffickers and increasing victim protection: European and Bulgarian policies and practices*

**Anelia Iotova, Senior expert  
Ministry of Education and Science**

*Access to education for children and pupils seeking asylum or with a refugee status*

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15:15 - 15:30 **DISCUSSION**

15:30- 17:00 **CIVIL PERSPECTIVES AND INITIATIVES**

*Moderator Diana Radoslavova*

*Discussant Iva Lazarova, UNHCR Bulgaria*

**Jules Bejot, Migration Policy Group, Brussels**

*Coordinating stakeholders around a common goals of an EU-wide campaign*

**Mariana Stoyanova, Head of Refugee Migrant Services  
Bulgarian Red Cross**

*Social Inclusion of refugees and migrants - humanitarian policies and challenges*

**Iliana Savova, Director Refugee and Migrant  
Programme Bulgarian Helsinki Committee**

**Prof. Anna Krasteva, Centre for European Refugees,  
Migration and Ethnic Studies (CERMES), NBU**

*Solidary citizenship in (post)crisis migration situation:  
European and Bulgarian civic actors and activism*

**Radostina Pavlova, Center for Legal Aid "Voice in Bulgaria"**

*Current issues and directions in EU migration policies:  
impacts and concerns - a civil society perspective*

17:00 - 17:30 **CLOSING DISCUSSION**

*Simultaneous translation is being provided*