



Conference

Building Resilience to Foreign Authoritarian Disinformation in Southeast Europe

22 February 2023

Sredets Hall, Sofia Hotel Balkan
and online via Zoom (08:00 – 13:45 CET)

Agenda

- 09:00** *Registration*
- 09:30** *Opening*
Ruslan Stefanov, Program Director, Center for the Study of Democracy
- Keynote*
Sabrina Spieleder, Information and Communications Officer, East StratCom Task Force, European External Action service
- 09:50** *Policy options for building institutional capacity and resilience*
Bozhidar Bozhanov, Deputy Chair, Committee on e-Government and Information Technology, National Assembly; Minister of Electronic Governance (2021–2022)
Razvan Chiruta, Editor in Chief, PressHUB
Andrei Tiut, Program Director, GlobalFocus Center
Dr. Todor Galev, Director of Research, Center for the Study of Democracy
- Discussion*
Moderator: **Goran Georgiev**, Analyst, Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy
- 11:00** *Coffee break*
- 11:15** *The role of independent journalism and fact-checking*
Cristian Pantazi, Chief Editor, G4Media
Miroliuba Benatova, Journalist, *The Questions*, TV1
Ralitsa Kovacheva, Editor-in-Chief, Factcheck.bg; Association of European Journalists – Bulgaria
- Discussion*
Moderator: **Boryana Velcheva**, Analyst, Center for the Study of Democracy
- 12:30** *Lunch*

13:30

Digital infrastructure and emerging technological solutions

Andrey Tagarev, Software Developer, Ontotext

Vasil Shivachev, COO, Identrics

Christos Gavalas, Business Development Manager, Innovation Lab, Athens Technology Center

Discussion

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14:45

Closing



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