Programme

Regional Event for South-East Europe

Sofia, 8-9 October 2026

8 October 2026

Venue: Aula hall, Rectorate, Sofia University

15.30 – 16.30 Official Opening of the Regional Event

- Prof. Sonya Karabeliova **-** Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, Sofia University
- Prof. Eliza Stefanova - Rector of Sofia University
- Prof. Georgi Valchev – Minister of Education and Science
- Teodor Stoychev - Head of the European Parliament Liaison Office in Bulgaria
- Zornitza Venkova – Deputy Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Bulgaria

16.30 - 17.00 Introduction to the Regional Event

Presentation of the participants, programme structure, thematic sessions and objectives of the Regional Event - Prof. Kaloyan Simeonov – Deputy Dean on International Cooperation, Faculty of Philosophy of Sofia University

17.00 Official Group Photo

19.00 Official Dinner for the Participants from South-East Europe

9 October 2026

Venue: Conference hall, Rectorate, Sofia University

09.00 – 09.30 Registration

09.30 – 11.00 Presentations of the Faculties from South-East Europe

Annotation: Short presentations of the participating Faculties will be followed by discussion and Q&A sessions after every three presentations.

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00 Presentations of the Faculties from South-East Europe (continuation)

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.00 Discussion on Common Project Opportunities

Annotation: The session will begin with a short presentation of European project programmes and cooperation opportunities relevant to the participating Faculties, delivered by a representative of Sofia University. The presentation will be followed by an open discussion focusing on future joint initiatives, partnerships and funding opportunities.

15.00 – 15.30 Coffee Break

15.30 – 16.30 Discussion on Follow-up Actions and Long-Term Sustainability of the Regional Cooperation Format

Annotation: The session will focus on possible follow-up actions and long-term cooperation mechanisms that could contribute to a more sustainable and structured network among the participating Faculties from South-East Europe. Possible actions and initiatives include (the list is non-exhaustive):

- Discussion on the potential development of a shared digital platform for communication, dissemination of initiatives, research activities, project opportunities and good practices.
- Organisation of joint scientific events, conferences and collaborative research initiatives;
- Establishment of an annual regional meeting hosted on a rotating basis by participating Faculties;
- Exploration of the feasibility and added value of establishing a formal network, association or Memorandum of Understanding (MoU);
- Other follow-up actions and opportunities.

16.30 - 17.00 Conclusions from the Regional Event

17.00 Official Closing of the Regional Event

The Regional Event is intended for Deans, Vice-Deans and other representatives at managerial level from universities across South-East Europe. It will bring together Faculties and Departments in the fields of Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, Political Science, European Studies, Public Administration, Cultural Studies, Logic, Rhetoric, and Library and Information Studies, as well as related disciplines from the social sciences, humanities, law and economics.

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