

Bulgarian European Community Studies Association (BECSA)



## **WP26**

# **NEW ACTORS IN A NEW ENVIRONMENT: Accession to the European Union, Civil Society and Multi-Level Governance**

## **PROGRAMME**

**14 May 2009** – Arrival of foreign participants

**15 May 2009** – Venue: HALL 6, RADISSON SAS HOTEL – SOFIA

**09:30-10:00** – Registration and coffee

**10:00-10:30** – OPENING AND WELCOME

**Ms. ZINAIDA ZLATANOVA**

*Head of the European Commission Representation in Bulgaria (to be confirmed)*

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. DINKO DINKOV**

*Jean Monnet Lecturer / International Relations Dept., University of National and World Economy (UNWE) – Sofia, Bulgaria; BECSA President*

**INTEGRATING EUROPEAN RESEARCH WITHIN THE CINEFOGO NETWORK –  
WHAT ACHIEVEMENTS AFTER FOUR YEARS OF JOINT ACTIVITIES?**

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. SIYKA KOVACHEVA**

*Sociology Dept., Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski” – Bulgaria; Director of the “New Europe” Centre for Regional Studies; CINEFOGO National Coordinator for Bulgaria*

**BECSA’S INVOLVEMENT IN THE CINEFOGO NETWORK**

**Ass. Prof. KATIA HRISTOVA-VALTCHEVA**

*Jean Monnet Lecturer in European Politics, Political Science Dept., New Bulgarian University – Sofia; BECSA Board Member; CINEFOGO Coordinator at BECSA*

**Panel 1:**  
**ACCESSING THE MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE ARENA:  
THE CHALLENGES AHEAD**

**10:30-12:30**

**Moderator:**

**Ass. Prof. Dr. RUMYANA KOLAROVA**

*Jean Monnet Lecturer in European Politics, Political Science Dept., Sofia University  
“St. Kliment Ohridski”; BECSA member*

PARTICIPATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS IN EU  
CONSULTATIONS: EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE AND OPEN QUESTIONS

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. EMANUELA BOZZINI**

*Sociology Dept., University of Trento, Italy*

MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE IN SLOVENIA: A MYTH OR REALITY?

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. DAMJAN LAJH**

*Political Science Dept., University of Ljubljana, Slovenia*

ADAPTING TO THE DIFFUSED POWER IN A MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE  
SYSTEM: EVIDENCE FROM BULGARIA'S THIRD SECTOR

**Ass. Prof. KATIA HRISTOVA-VALTCHEVA**

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University – Sofia; BECSA Board Member; CINEFOGO Coordinator at BECSA*

*Discussion*

**12:30-13:30 – Lunch**

**Panel 2:**  
**THIRD SECTOR EUROPEANISATION IN THE NEW EU MEMBER STATES**

**13:30-17:00**

**Moderator:**

**Ass. Prof. KRASSIMIR NIKOLOV**

*Jean Monnet Chair Holder in European Integration, Varna Free University  
“Chernorizets Hrabar” – Bulgaria; BECSA Secretary General*

THE EUROPEANIZATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN CENTRAL AND EAST  
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

**Prof. Dr. VLADIMÍRA DVOŘÁKOVÁ**

*Political Science Dept., University of Economics – Prague, Czech Republic*

TOWARDS A MULTI-LEVEL POLITICAL PARTICIPATION ON THE EUROPEAN SCENE: IMPORTANCE AND OPPORTUNITIES OF EU CITIZENSHIP

**Ass. Prof. BORIS POPIVANOV**

*Political Science Dept., Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"; Research Fellow, "Ivan Hadjiyski" Institute for Social Values and Structures – Sofia, Bulgaria*

Discussion

**15:00-15:30 – Coffee Break**

GAINING LEGITIMACY THROUGH "EUROPEANIZATION" OF THE CIVIC ACTION

**Ms. TATYANA KMETOVA**

*Director, Center for Women Studies and Policies – Sofia, Bulgaria*

GOVERNANCE AND THE CITIZEN AS A PRIORITY FOR EUROPEAN RESEARCH

**Ass. Prof. Dr. DANIEL SMILOV**

*Jean Monnet lecturer in European Politics, Political Science Dept., Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"; BECSA Member; Programme Director at the Centre for Liberal Strategies – Sofia, Bulgaria*

THE EUROPEANISATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS IN BULGARIA

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. PETYA KABAKTCHIEVA**

*Head of Sociology Dept., Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"; President of the Board, Open Society Institute – Sofia, Bulgaria*

Discussion

**16 May 2009 – Venue: HALL 6, RADISSON SAS HOTEL – SOFIA**

**Panel 3:  
MODELS AND DILEMMAS OF CIVIL SOCIETY TRANSFORMATION  
IN NEW EU MEMBER STATES**

**09:30-11:30**

**Moderator:**

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. EMANUELA BOZZINI**

*Sociology Dept., University of Trento, Italy*

BEING A CITIZEN: NOT A PROFESSION BUT A COMMITMENT

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. ANNA KRASTEVA**

*Head of Political Science Dept. / New Bulgarian University – Sofia, Bulgaria;  
Director of the Centre for European Refugee, Migration and Ethnic Studies  
(CERMES)*

SOCIAL COMPETENCE FOR CIVIL ACTIONS – OVERCOMING VOLUNTEER DEFICITS

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. ANTONY GALABOV**

*Director, “Pro Bono Publico” Institute – Sofia; Sociology Dept. / New Bulgarian University – Sofia, Bulgaria*

OLD AND NEW ACTORS IN SHAPING THE BULGARIAN MODEL OF WORK-FAMILY BALANCE

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. SIYKA KOVACHEVA and Ass. Prof. STANIMIR KABAIVANOV**

*Sociology Dept., Plovdiv University “Paisii Hilendarski” – Bulgaria; “New Europe” Centre for Regional Studies*

THE RISE OF NEW MEDIA AND THE NEW WAYS OF CITIZENS’ INVOLVEMENT

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. ROBERT PHILLIPS JR.**

*Head of Political Science Dept., American University in Bulgaria (AUBG) – Blagoevgrad*

*Discussion*

**11:30-12:00 – Coffee Break**

**12:00 – CONCLUDING REMARKS & FOLLOW-UP**

**Ass. Prof. KATIA HRISTOVA-VALTCHEVA**

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**16 May 2009 – Departure of foreign participants**