



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)
Bianca Toma, Program Director, Romanian Center for European Policies
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

Vassil Velichkov, Co-Founder, Managing Partner, CEO, Sensika Technologies

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



Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV)