

National Citizen Participation Meeting

**THE ART OF CONNECTING
IN A MACRO-REGIONAL FRAMEWORK**

16 – 17 May 2017

[Vitosha Park Hotel](#)

(Sofia, [Studentski grad, Rosario 1](#))

Agenda

16 May 2017 (Tuesday)

Time	Agenda Items and Speakers
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Registration</i>
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Official opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Art of Connecting – Iva Taralezhkova, Board Chair of Citizen Participation Forum ➤ Networking and participation in the EU Strategy for the Danube Region and beyond - Daniela Urschitz, PA 10 of EUSDR, Vienna Municipality <p><u>Session 1: Networks and values</u></p> <p>Introduction: <i>What connects us?</i> Angela Rodel, Executive Director, Bulgarian-American Commission for Educational Exchange Fulbright</p> <p><i>Networks and values: interactive exercise and plenary</i></p>
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>

13:30 – 15:30	<p>Panel 2: Networks and coalitions: impact, approaches, and challenges – stories from various angles:</p> <p>Formal and informal networks and coalitions; Sectoral and multi-sectoral; National, macro regional, and European causes and networking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teach for Bulgaria • Tuk Tam • European Citizen Action Service • Danube Civil Society Forum • National Youth Forum • Multi Kulti Collective <p>Discussion: What makes it challenging to network together?</p>
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee-break</i>
16:00 – 16:45	The network in rhythm and the rhythm of networking – group exercise
16:45 – 18:15	<p>Session 3: The network – points of intersection</p> <p>Identifying common goals, shared values, campaigns and next steps – <i>interactive exercise bringing together the participants around national and Danube region common causes and campaigns</i></p> <p>Presentation of ideas and potential next steps; closing comments</p>
19:00	<i>Dinner: The Art of Connecting.... Let's make the first step</i>

17 May 2017 (Wednesday)

Time	Agenda items
9:00 – 10:30	<p>Citizen dialogues:</p> <p>Networks and public institutions – effects and defects in communication (<i>Public debate with representatives of Bulgarian institutions</i>)</p>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee-break</i>