

# AGENDA

## OPENING SPEECHES | 11:00-11:10 (SOFIA TIME)

**Ms. Gergana Passy**  
President, PanEuropa Bulgaria

**Dr. Helene Kortländer**  
Director, Friedrich Ebert Foundation Bulgaria

## INTRO | 11:10-11:30 (SOFIA TIME)

EUROPEAN SOVEREIGN - SURVEY

**Ms. Amandine Lama**  
Account Director, Ipsos Public Affairs - HEC Paris EMBA 2022

## PANEL 1 | THE EU AUTONOMY IN SECURITY & DEFENSE

### VISIONARY IDEAS CONTRIBUTING TO EUROPEAN RESILIENCE IN SECURITY AND DEFENSE | 11:30-12:20 (SOFIA TIME)

**Dr. Dimitar Bechev**  
Director, European Policy Institute, Sofia

**Mr. Yordan Bozhilov**  
President, Sofia Security Forum

**Dr. Dzema Grozdanova**  
Member of the European Council on Foreign Relations, Sofia

\*Introduction speeches, followed by a debate

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Vice President of the Atlantic Club of Bulgaria,  
Director of Three Seas Initiative National program

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## **PANEL 2 | THE EU OPEN STRATEGIC AUTONOMY**

**A PROCESS, NOT A MAGIC WAND | 12:20-13:20 EET (SOFIA TIME)**

**Mr. Julian Popov**

Fellow of the European Climate Foundation, chairman of the Buildings Performance Institute Europe, former Minister of Environment of Bulgaria, member of the Advisory Council of EIT Climate-KIC

**Ms. Tsvetelina Penkova**

MEP, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists & Democrats in the European Parliament

**Mr. Iliya Lingorski**

Chief Economist, Bulgarian Development Bank

**Ms. Sofia Kesaidova**

Strategy Head, Bulgarian Development Bank

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Director of European Affairs, PanEuropa Bulgaria

## **WRAP UP**

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

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Vice President of the Atlantic Club of Bulgaria,  
Director of Three Seas Initiative National program

**Amb. Biserka Benisheva,**

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