

## American optimism meets Bulgarian potential

## The Future Takes Flight

### Many Reasons for Optimism



#### My Kid Designs Computer Games. Yours Can Too.



Dimo Chanev got his first job offer in high school after impressing his future employer with his programming skills, acquired at Telerik Academy. Technology stopped being just a means of...

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#### Space Challenges: When Robots Make You Smile



When he first started tackling space challenges, Kliment passed seven levels, and his main project was a penguin-cooling device. Kliment loves penguins and wants to save this endangered species from extinction.

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#### Tackle Space Challenges with Radi



While her peers go out with friends or relax, Radostina "Radi" Avramova spends every weekend in the company of 5- to 10-year-old "cadets," helping them take their first steps in robotics and space science.

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### Bulgarian Schools Are in the Cloud

When Sugata Mitra won the TED Prize and worldwide fame for his speech on schools in the cloud in 2013, he wasn't thinking about building skyscraper schools, nor were his words a metaphor for successful schools aiming high. The Newcastle University professor wanted to create a self-organized digital environment for students to exchange information and learn from one another, and his idea lit the world on fire.

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### Lessons from History



#### The Bridges Connecting Bulgaria and America

Most tourists visiting Koprivshitsa, a town of beautiful traditional houses in the Sredna Gora mountains, pause at a certain bridge. Small and humpbacked, it does not look that important. And yet, it is. Here was where one of the most fateful events in Bulgarian history unfolded.

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#### Bulgarian Donors in History: The Doctor from Tarnovo

Marin Rusev (1864–1935) was a Bulgarian physician and a public figure who significantly contributed to the development of the medical field in Bulgaria. His long career included chairmanship of Bulgaria's Supreme Medical Council and legislative activity.



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**27 APR  
29 APR**  
Vratsa

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 Education  
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Plovdiv

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 Classical Music  
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### Space Is Closer than You Think



Since 2010, a young team of visionaries has been trying to change the limited interest in space science in Bulgaria. Their ambition is to make space exploration accessible to ever more people in the country. For the purpose, the team of satellite maker EnduroSat developed the Space Challenges program...



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