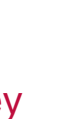


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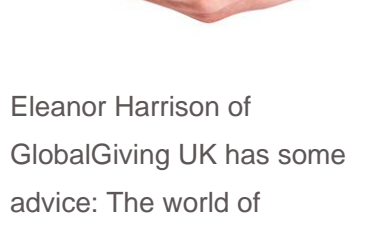


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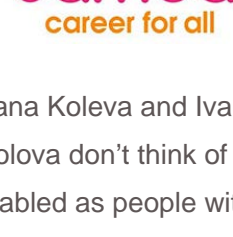
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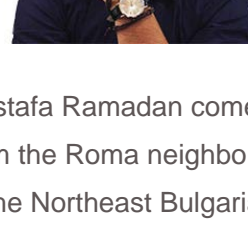
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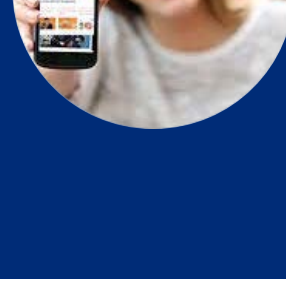
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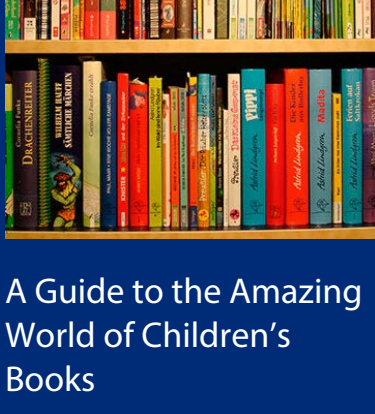
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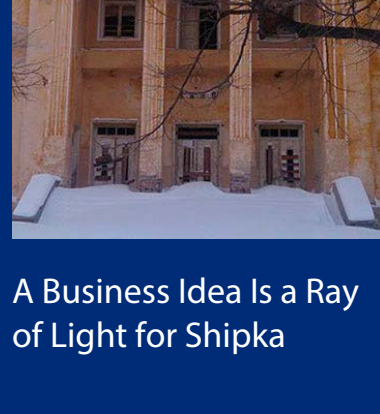
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1/3 of Bulgaria Produces 86% of the Country's Wealth

One-third of Bulgaria generates 86% of all production and investment. The remaining two-thirds of the country is an economic "desert," according to a report of the Institute for Market Economics (IME) presented in mid-January 2018.

In 2015, Bulgaria's economic hubs attracted the bulk of foreign investments (81%) and employed three out of every four economically active citizens. Nearly two of every three Bulgarians lived there. The economic heavyweights were the regions around Sofia, Plovdiv, Burgas, and Varna.

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Learn How One Man's Generosity Changed Gabrovo's History

Our donor of the month is Pencho Ivanov Semov (1875-1945), an industrialist and merchant. He was born in a poor family near Gabrovo. He dropped out of middle school to help his father provide for the family. Semov's business acumen was key to the progress of the Uspeh (Success) wool textile factory in Gabrovo. Thanks to the capital he invested, Uspeh became one of the largest Bulgarian wool textile manufacturers in the early twentieth century.



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The Power of Community: Sustainability



America for Bulgaria's second annual all-grantee forum, titled "The Power of Community: Sustainability," drew more than 500 ABF partners from public and private institutions and the NGO sector. Watch the event highlights (press the CC button to enable subtitles).

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