



Dear Reader,

Democratic citizenship requires participation. This is the main message of the stories we have selected for you this month. Because it is your business how your country is run and how your taxes are spent. This, and more, is at stake when you cast your ballot in elections. Voting is indeed your superpower, but you have others, too. Read the stories to find out how else you can influence what happens in your country.

Your Country Is What *You* Make It



Our talented illustrator Ralitsa Tchobanova cautions: [Don't do this at home, kids!](#)



Learn what a public environment developer is and why it is a cause rather than a job through [the story of Iva Lazarova and the Institute for Public Environment Development](#).

Practice Makes Perfect!



Louisa Slavkova hopes that [giving students practice at civic participation](#) will prepare them to assume the full responsibilities of democratic citizenship one day.



We have all been there. The novelty is gone, and the challenges appear to loom larger than the gains in life quality we experienced since we have democracy in our lives. [Here's how to fix your relationship with democracy](#).

Mark Your Calendars

You have three more days to ask questions about ABF's [request for proposals Science with a Future 2](#). Don't miss this opportunity!

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ScoolMedia, a platform for student journalism run by the Association of European Journalists in Bulgaria, announced a call for submissions on the topic "The Choices We Make"—whether everyday choices that prove consequential or choices at the voting booth. [Find out more here](#).

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