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Dear Friends,

We are often challenged to describe what the America for Bulgaria Foundation does because the 1,217 initiatives we have supported over 15 years are so different and have so many layers they are hard to capture in several sentences.

We have partnered with fishermen and guesthouse owners working to invigorate their communities; scientists endeavoring to create the next life-improving technology that also puts Bulgaria on the innovation map; educators striving to prepare students for the jobs of tomorrow; journalists and active citizens seeking the truth, often at a high personal cost; economists monitoring how our money is spent; ordinary people refusing to accept that "this is how things are and can't change"; and many, many others.

What all these organizations and individuals have in common is a desire to make life better for entire communities or Bulgaria as a whole.

Coming together to reflect on the community's achievements and the lessons learned, as we did on September 29 at the National Palace of Culture in Sofia, is a special highlight of our work. Our fifteenth-anniversary community forum celebrated those accomplishments and the collaborative efforts that made them a success.

Thank you to those of you who joined us on our fifteenth birthday. For those who weren't with us, we present a few highlights here. We hope you enjoy this collection, and thank you as always for doing what you do. In the words of ABF Executive Director Desi Taliokova, "No matter how large or small your role, you are contributing to the grander story within your organization, your business, and ultimately your country."

Thank you!

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The America for Bulgaria Foundation Celebrates Fifteen Years of Work in Bulgaria

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." ABF's 15th-anniversary forum on September 29 celebrated the power of collaboration.

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Ambassador Merten: Partnership Is at the Core of the US-Bulgaria Relationship

"At a time when our societies are increasingly polarized, this is a message we need to double down on: partnership," the ambassador told attendees.

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ABF President and CEO Nancy Schiller: Ours Is a Story of Partnership, the Power of &

"What you do matters. Your vision inspires hope, creates opportunities, and provides optimism that positive change can happen," Ms. Schiller said.

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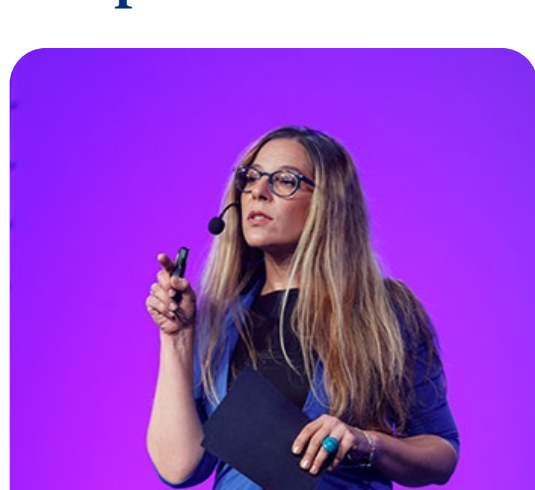


"Freedom Is One of the Most Precious Gifts." Desislava Taliokova Reminds Us Why

"Everything depends on each one of us, and everyone can play a vital role" in defending freedom and democracy, said ABF's executive director.

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The power of dedication



Donika Georgieva, Who Makes the Past Accessible to the Present

Donika and her partners at architectural studio Atelier 3 transform cultural heritage sites into memorable experiences for the whole family.

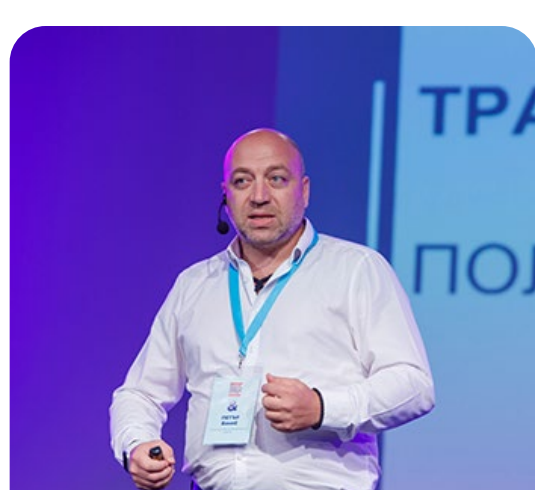
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Planning a Holiday? Discover the "Bulgarian Maldives" with Biser

Biser Georgiev is a professional fisherman who is helping to promote his native Nikopol as a destination for nature and food tourism.

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What Do Entrepreneurship & Law Enforcement Have in Common?

Petar Vanev is a law enforcement officer who applies entrepreneurial methods in his work. He is also a graduate of ABF's leadership program.

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Christo Grozev: Every One of Us Can and Must Be a Journalist

As a child, Christo busted communist propaganda myths for his grandparents. Now, as an investigative journalist, he does it for the whole world.

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Your friends at the America for Bulgaria Foundation

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