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Dear Friends,

Journeying is the theme of our fifteenth-anniversary celebrations, so we bid the year goodbye with a matching visual, courtesy of our jack-of-all-trades office manager and talented designer Zhenya Mincheva.

To wrap up our fifteenth and prepare for our sixteenth year of work in Bulgaria, the ABF team (the early risers, more precisely) also took a trip to Vratsa. The Bulgarian Northwest is not only an area of focus for the Foundation's efforts in tourism development but also a favorite destination for the team. On this trip, we found more reasons to love Vratsa and to choose train travel!

Finally, we offer a sneak peek into the sound of mosaics. Yes, you read that right. Star composer Dobrinka Tabakova draws inspiration from the Bishop's Basilica of Philippopolis mosaics' 1,700-year journey.

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## Inspiring heritage



### What Does a Mosaic Sound Like? Dobrinka Tabakova Demonstrates

Bulgarian-British composer Dobrinka Tabakova has set to music a journey spanning 17 centuries. Tune in to enjoy her piano quintet *Stone Trail*, inspired by the Bishop's Basilica of Philippopolis.

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### 19th-Century Startups & the Best Fried Dough: Welcome to Vratsa!

As the ABF team found, Vratsa abounds in treasures: ancient shin guards and wine sets, pioneering entrepreneurship, culinary delights, and layers of history set against dramatic mountain views.

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## Story of a 15-year journey



### It Has Been Quite a Journey Indeed

In some cultures, when you turn 15, you come of age. In our fifteenth-anniversary year, we celebrate the initiatives that came of age along with us. Their stories are now available as a digital flipbook.

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## Last-minute shoppers, rejoice!



Nothing says holidays quite like a sustainably produced boardgame. By purchasing a Dabrava boardgame, you support youth development and programming at Bulgarian museums.

Find more great gift ideas at [DarPazar.bg](#), the civically engaged citizen's favorite store. DarPazar's physical store at 3 Hristo Belchev Street is open through December 22 and awaiting your visit!

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Wishing you the happiest of holidays and a more peaceful and prosperous 2024,

Your friends at the America for Bulgaria Foundation

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