

12-14 MAY _____ 2023



EUROPEAN CULTURE WEEKEND

Sofia, Bulgaria

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About ECR PARTY

European Conservatives and Reformists (ECR) Party

We are united by our centre-right values, as expressed in the Reykjavik Declaration. The ECR Party is dedicated to individual liberty, national sovereignty, parliamentary democracy, private property, limited government, free trade, family values and the devolution of power.

These values underpin our politics, including our vision for a reformed European Union. Europe stands at a crossroads and the ECR Party's agenda for reform has never been more relevant than it is today. Join our movement, and help us advance a Europe – and a world.



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About the event

The ECR Party goes to Sofia and is glad to invite you and all conservatives as our guests.

ECR Party's European Culture Weekend: will take place in Sofia (Bulgaria), from Friday 12th of May to Sunday 14th of May 2023.

The "European Culture Weekends" is the European Conservatives and Reformists Party's latest initiative: a complete experience of discovery, learning and networking in significant cultural sights of Europe and abroad—a foray into the diversity of European traditions, landscapes and cultures. The conference program will offer talks covering the latest trends in conservative thought and the latest on navigating EU politics. The panels will feature top tier speakers such as Members of the European Parliament, senior role holders in European conservative parties, academics, international experts, and more.



About the Hotel

Grand Hotel Millennium Sofia

Grand Hotel Millennium Sofia embodies an elegant combination of gilded brilliance, innovation, and service at the highest heights.

The striking 30-story building includes 400 bright, spacious, and gracefully furnished rooms. Surrounding the spectacular 6-storey atrium, the Millennium Milestone Convention Centre encompasses memorable private gatherings and thought-provoking conferences in its 14 fully equipped multifunctional rooms capable to accommodate 2,000 people. The 3,200 sq.m. Millennium Spa and Wellness centre welcomes you with a com-

plete range of treatments, therapies, and a 1,500 sq.m. cutting-edge Fitness Centre. The hotel presents 10 restaurants and lounges which will be remarkable for their location, view, interior, and the various culinary experiences they will offer. Among the various dining outlets are a fine dining restaurant and conceptual Mediterranean restaurant, moon kissed rooftop bar with opening roofs and a lounge on the 30th floor with a 360° view. The hotel's modern design combined with the utmost technology will definitely make it a preferred spot to serve contemporary nomads' lifestyle.



Event program

**FRIDAY
12 MAY
2023**

Arrival and check-in at **Grand Hotel Millennium Sofia**.

16:00

SOFIA HISTORIC & CULTURAL

Meeting point: in front of Grand Hotel Millennium Sofia at 16:00. Tour route:



Memorial to the victims of the communist regime – discourse by Dr. Milen Mihov – associate professor of Bulgarian history, former assistant rector of the University of Veliko Tarnovo “St. Cyril and Methodius”, a former national representative in the 43rd and 44th National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria, author of historical books



Church-rotunda „Saint George”



Cathedral church „Sveta Nedelya”



Ancient complex „Serdika”



The Triangle of Power - the building of the National Assembly, the Presidency, and the Council of Ministers building



National theater „Ivan Vazov”

19:00 - 23:00

Welcome dinner, Hall “M” of Grand Hotel Millennium Sofia

Event program

SATURDAY
13 MAY
2023

National Palace of Culture (NPC), Hall № 6

8:30 - 9:10

Registration of the participants

9:10 - 10:30

Official opening
Panel: European Conservatives defining a platform for challenges and opportunities to come

10:30 - 10:45

Coffee break

10:45 - 12:00

Panel: Disinformation and misinformation: a political tool in the hands of the woke

12:00 - 13:00

Lunch

13:00 - 14:00

Panel: Localism is a conservative ideal

14:00 - 15:00

Panel: European Culture and Identity: our political priority

15:00 - 15:15

Coffee break

15:15 - 16:15

Panel: A Plan for the EU's Long-term Support for Ukraine and the Eastern European Perspective on Future EU-Russia Relations

16:15 - 16:25

Closing Remarks

18:15

Retro tram trip to Residence "Lozenetz". Meeting point in front of Grand Hotel Millennium Sofia at 18:10

19:30 - 23:00

Bulgarian-style Networking dinner

- Presentation of typical Bulgarian foods, delicacies, wines, and spirits;
- Folklore program.

23:00

Return to the hotel with organized transport that will depart at 23:00 from Residence "Lozenetz"

Event program

SUNDAY
14 MAY
2023

Check-out and **Departure** from Sofia



Event speakers



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Journalist



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