



Armenian General Benevolent Union Europe (AGBU), European Union of Jewish Students (EUJS) and Phiren Amenca International Network, cordially invites you to a public conference in the context of the European project "A Europe of Diasporas"

"United in Diversity": Educating Europe's Diasporas, The Bulgarian Experience

Venue: Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Conference Hall

Address: 15 Tsar Osvoboditel Blvd, 1504 Sofia, Bulgaria

Time: 15 January 2015 @ 18:00– 19:30

If Europe's diversity is its wealth, it is also a major challenge. This conference focusses on education in connection with children and young people who also belong to diasporas, such as the Armenian, Roma and Jewish diasporas, with special emphasis on the Bulgarian experience.

Diasporas are special in that they are dispersed across the European continent. As a result, they are also frequently inadequately served by the institutions of the states they live in. The challenges include providing opportunities for all in the educational system, providing opportunities for diasporas to transmit their heritage as well as educating everyone in the rising generation about the nature of diasporas and the actual human richness of the country and continent they live in.

Programme

A Europe of Diasporas: a short introduction

Nicolas Tavitian, Director, AGBU Europe & "Europe of Diasporas" project coordinator

Bulgaria's Originality: facing the challenge

Robert Djerassi, Advisor to the Minister of Education and Science of Bulgaria

Deyan Kolev, Chairman, Centre Amalipe, Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria

Dr. Todor Chobanov, Deputy Mayor of Sofia

Debate

The "Europe of Diasporas" is a first step towards the establishment of a network of diasporas in Europe. This network will aim to help develop, affirm and popularize the notion of European diasporas and encourage the idea that identities need not be tied to a territory or to a source of authority to be legitimate and valuable. The project "A Europe of Diasporas" is a collaboration of AGBU Europe, EUJS and Phiren Amenca, and it is supported in 2015 and 2016 by the "Europe for Citizens" programme of the European Commission.

For more information on the project "A Europe of Diasporas": www.europeofdiasporas.eu



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