



## International Scientific-Practical Conference

### „10 years of Cooperation, Exchange and Connectivity between China and CEE Countries”

*4-5 November 2022, Rectorate, Sofia University*

**November 4<sup>th</sup> /Friday/**

<b>VENUE:</b>	<b>AULA HALL, Sofia University</b>
9.30 – 10.00	<b>Registration</b> of the participants <b>Welcome coffee</b> in front of the Aula
<b>10.00</b>	<b>OPENING SESSION</b>
	<i>Moderator: Dr. Valentin Katrandziev, Diplomatic Institute, MFA</i>
10.00	Welcome speech by Prof. Dr. MARIA STOICHEVA, Vice-rector of Sofia University, Chair of the Scientific Committee
10.05	Opening speech by Dr. MOMCHIL STANISHEV, Director of APACCCEEC, Chair of the Organizational Committee
10.10	Official greeting and keynote speech by H.E. Mr. STJEPAN MESIĆ, President of the Republic of Croatia (2000-2010)
10.20	Speech by Mr. GEORGI SABEV, Deputy Minister of the Agriculture of the Republic of Bulgaria
10.25	Keynote Speech by H.E. Mr. DONG XIAOJUN, Ambassador of the People’s Republic Of China in Bulgaria
10.35	Speech by Mr. GRIGOR POROZHANOV, Former Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria to the People’s Republic Of China; Director of United Nations Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria
10.40	Speech by Mr. DIMITRIOS MICHAS, Minister Plenipotentiary for Economic & Commercial Affairs at Embassy of Greece in Sofia
10.50	Speech by Mrs. LIVIA CHIVU, Counsellor at the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Republic of Romania



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11.00	Presentation by Prof. BOJAN LALIĆ, Director of Serbia Belt and Road Research Institute
11.10	Presentation by Dr. VALENTIN KATRANZIEV, Diplomatic Institute, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria
11.20	Coffee break
11.30	<b>GOOD PRACTICES AND BUSINESS STORIES:</b> <i>Presentations of successful practices and projects</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Trayan Rusev, Winery Vinprom Svishtov</li> <li>• Mrs. Irina Beleva, Bulgaria-China Business Development Association</li> <li>• Mr. Ivan Dragoev, Founder &amp; CTO of ONDO</li> <li>• Mrs. Katerina Karakehagia, CEO Tablespoon</li> </ul> Q&A
12.30	<b>Lunch - The Egg / Яйцето /</b>

<b>VENUE:</b>	<b>Ogledalna Hall, Second floor, Sofia University</b>
	<b>PARALLEL SECTION I: Economic Dimension and Agricultural Cooperation between China and CEEC</b>
13.30 – 15.30	<b>Session 1: Moderator: Prof. Hrabrin Bachev, Agricultural Academy Sofia</b> Presentations of the participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Neviana Krasteva, Dr. Desislava Alexova, IBS, Bulgaria/<b>Marketing for rural tourism - strategy and realization in Bulgaria</b></li> <li>• Sc. D Georgi Chankov, University of National and World Economy/<b>(The "Belt and Road" initiative)</b></li> <li>• Ruthyana Ngundo, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Faculty of Economics and Business Administration/<b>Comparative analysis of agricultural and credit cooperatives in CEE countries and East Africa</b></li> <li>• Mehtap Tuğba Kaynak, Middle East Technical University/<b>Development Process of Emerging and Developing Countries Under Financialization in 21<sup>st</sup> Century</b></li> <li>• Prof. Nako Stefanov, Institute of Strategic Management/<b>The "16 +1" format - an important component in the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) - current situation and prospects</b></li> <li>• Prof. Dr Aneliya Katova, Agricultural Academy/<b>Bulgarian varieties of perennial forage grasses developed at the Institute of Forage crops – Pleven</b></li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Yasen Georgiev, Mariana Trifonova, University of National and World Economy/ <i>The Wider Black Sea Region within the “16+1” Initiative – before and after 2022</i></li><li>• Assoc. Prof Evgeniy Kandilarov, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences/“<i>The “16+1” initiative and its impact on the relations between Bulgaria and China</i>”</li><li>• Assoc. Prof Paskal Zhelev, University of National and World Economy/<i>Bulgaria’s agri-food trade with China</i></li></ul>
15.30	Coffee break
15.45 – 17.15	<p><b>Session 2:</b> Moderator: Prof. Teodora Georgieva, Faculty of Business Administration and Economics, Sofia University Presentations of the participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dimitar Djilianov, Agrobiointitute, Agricultural Academy/<i>Ten years sustainable research collaboration on plant desiccation tolerance</i></li><li>• Assoc. Prof Nikola Zivlak, Emlyon business school/<i>Impact of Belt and Road Initiative on Supply Chain Resilience and Sustainability in the Agri-food Industry</i></li><li>• Dr Nikolaya Velcheva, Agricultural Academy, Institute of Plant Genetic Resources “K. Malkov”/<i>Development of plant genetic resources’ collections and associated passport information through bilateral projects between Bulgaria and China</i></li><li>• Dr Nebojsa Savanovic, Dr Borislav Marić, Nebojša Savanović, PhD student, University of Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina/ <i>Effects of cooperation between Bosnia and Herzegovina and China: Impact on competitiveness and GDP</i></li><li>• Anze Liang Liang, Shanghai Jiao Tong University/<i>Comprehensive Evaluation and Optimization of Rural Settlement in Bulgaria under Climate Change--A Case Study of the Thrace Region</i></li><li>• Bozhidar Ivanov, The Institute of Agricultural Economics/<i>Approach for studying the role of tourism for rural development in Bulgaria</i></li><li>• Prof. Brankica Todorovic, School of Economics Uzice/<i>Management efficiency in the context of The “Belt and Road” initiative (BRI)</i></li><li>• Arta Haxhixhemajli, Centre for Security Analyses and Prevention</li></ul>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karel Charvat, Institution Plan4all/<b>Hub4Everybody</b></li> <li>• Prof. Natalija Atanasova-Pancevska, Department of Microbiology and Microbial Biotechnology, Institute of Biology, Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, “Ss. Cyril and Methodius” University/<b>Soil <i>Bacillus spp.</i> - a potent cell factory for antimicrobials against phytopathogens</b></li> </ul>
17.15 – 17.30	Discussion

<b>VENUE:</b>	<b>Hall 1, Sofia University</b>
	<b>PARALLEL SECTION II: People-to-People Dimension of China-CEEC Cooperation</b>
13.30 – 15.30	<p><b>Session 1: Moderator: Prof. Irena Ilieva, Director of Institute for the State and Law, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences</b> Presentations of the participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assoc.Prof Jianjun TIAN, Beijing Foreign Studies University/<b><i>Bilateral relations "China-Bulgaria" in the field of education</i></b></li> <li>• Visar Sylaj, Shaanxi Normal University/<b><i>A Framing Analysis of the COVID-19 Chinese Vaccines in the Albanian Online News Media</i></b></li> <li>• Andreja Mihailovic, Institution Faculty of Law University of Montenegro/<b><i>The counterfeit and illegal pesticides as the most hazardous form of transnational environmental crime: The case study of Montenegro</i></b></li> <li>• Assistant Prof Karolina Gawron-Tabor, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń/<b><i>Departure from coal</i></b></li> <li>• Assistant Professor Goran Shibakovski, University St. Paul the Apostle in Ohrid/ <b><i>Comparative analysis of the impact of China’s cultural diplomacy in the Western Balkans</i></b></li> <li>• Professor Irena Ilieva, Bulgarian academy of sciences/<b><i>The initiative „China-CEE“ and the EU: multilateralism v. bilateralism v. supranational regulation</i></b></li> <li>• Assoc. Prof. Elizabeth Yoneva, University of National and World Economy/<b><i>The Changing Configurations of Energy Geopolitics - New Options for Cooperation between China and the CEE Countries</i></b></li> <li>• Prof. Irina Tsakova, International Business School-Botevgrad/<b><i>“Precision agriculture” and the new European strategic framework for value-added chains</i></b></li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist. Prof Silviya Todorova, Agricultural Academy/<i>Research and analysis of international patent activity in the field of green technology</i></li> <li>• Assist Prof Vladislava Pacheva, Agricultural Academy/<i>Research and analysis of international patent activity in the field of green technology</i></li> </ul>
15.30	Coffee break
15.45 – 17.15	<p><b>Session 2: Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Antonia Tsankova, Sofia University</b> Presentations of the participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof Tsvetan Davidkov, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Faculty of Economics and Business Administration/<i>Culture of Education and Training (Comparison between "16+1 Initiative" Countries)</i></li> <li>• Prof Zenepe Dafku, Agricultural University of Tirana/<i>Education and Ecotourism in Albania</i></li> <li>• Prof Albena Vucova, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Faculty of Economics and Business Administration/<i>Dialogue between Cultures - Is It Possible?</i></li> <li>• Ksenija Smolovic, University of Dunaujvaros/<i>3D Digital Study Material and Barriers in Education</i></li> <li>• Assoc. Prof Nadya Velinova-Sokolova, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Faculty of Economics and Business Administration/<i>The Distance Learning and Student Mobility – Challenges</i></li> <li>• Vladimir Yordanov/<i>Internationalization of the Higher Education sector in Bulgaria - Opportunities to develop Transnational Education Projects between Bulgaria and China</i></li> </ul>
17.15 – 17.30	Discussion

<b>Meeting point</b>	<b>Main entrance of Sofia University - Monument of Evlogi and Hristo Georgievi</b>
<b>18.00 – 19.30</b>	<b>SOFIA CITY GUIDED TOUR</b>

<b>VENUE:</b>	<b>The Egg /Яйцето/, Sofia University</b>
<b>20.00</b>	<b>Cocktail / Dinner /for the participants and invited guests/</b>



November 5<sup>th</sup> /Saturday/

<b>VENUE:</b>	<b>Ogledalna Hall, Second floor, Sofia University</b>
<b>10.00 – 11.30</b>	<p><b>Session 1: Economic Dimension and Agricultural Cooperation between China and CEEC</b>  <i>Moderator: Prof. Dimitar Djilianov, Agricultural Academy Sofia</i></p> <p>Presentations of the participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Antoaneta Kirova, Doctor of Economic sciences / <i>The logistics issues in the mutual trade China – Bulgaria – new options and opportunities</i></li> <li>• Dr Georgi Bakyov, Institute for the State and the Law at BAS/<i>Forest Protection In China and Bulgaria – A Comparative Legal Analysis</i></li> <li>• Lingling Ma, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"/<i>Agriculture automation: comparison of Bulgaria and China</i></li> <li>• Galina Patamanska, Agricultural Academy/<i>Application of water and fertilizer integration technology can improve fruit yield and irrigation water and nitrogen use efficiency for tomatoes grown in plastic greenhouse.</i></li> <li>• Roumen Gadjev, ISSAPP, Agriculture Academy/<i>On the non-furrowing velocity at the irrigation processes</i></li> <li>• Bozhidar Kyosev, Institute of Plant Genetic Resource/<i>The diversity of species of einkorn, emmer and Aegilops on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria</i></li> <li>• Dimitar Sotirov, Institute of Agriculture – Kyustendil/<i>Twenty Years of Cooperation Between the Institute of Agriculture - Kyustendil and the Yantai Academy of Agricultural Sciences</i></li> </ul>
<b>11.30</b>	Coffee break
<b>11.45-13.15</b>	<p><b>Session 2: People-to-People Dimension of China-CEEC Cooperation</b>  <i>Moderator: Assoc. Prof. Mariana Tian, Institute for the State and Law, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences</i></p> <p>Presentations of the participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assoc. Prof Mariana Tian, Institute for the State and the Law, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences/<i>Diplomatic, humanitarian and economic dimensions of the Bulgarian-Chinese "strategic partnership"</i></li> <li>• Assoc. Prof Antonina Habova, University of National and World Economy/<i>China-CEE Cooperation in a Divided World: Mission (Im)Possible</i></li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr Momchil Stanishev, Association for the Promotion of Agricultural Cooperation between China and the Central and Eastern European Countries/<i>Crosscultural features in exercising leadership styles in Bulgaria and China</i></li><li>• Dr Boris Manov, IDP, Bulgarian academy of sciences/ <i>Bulgarian synergy in the Space sector</i></li><li>• Nadejda Vateva, IDP, Bulgarian academy of sciences/<i>The Crypto Revolution. Legal regulation of cryptocurrency mining and trading in China and Europe - different perspectives</i></li><li>• Tsvetanka Dutsova, Department to Municipal enterprise “Social Activities/<i>Equal rights for disabled citizens and provision of social services through for e-government</i></li></ul>
<b>13.15</b>	<b>Closing Remarks and Wrap-up</b>