



## INVITATION

to discussion on

*Bulgarian participation in the ESS:  
academic and policy benefits and challenges*

**Organized by**

**ESS ERIC Scientific Coordination Team, London**

**Bulgarian Sociological Association – BSA**

**Consortium ESS ERIC Bulgaria**

**(University for National and World Economy**

**Institute for the Study of Societies and Knowledge - BAS**

**Agency for Social Analyses (ASA)**

**Union of Bulgarian Economists)**

<b>When</b>	20 June 2016 10:00 – 16:00
<b>Where</b>	New Conference Hall, Sofia University
<b>Working Language</b>	English
<b>Submission Deadline of the Titles</b>	May 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2016
<b>Duration of the Presentations</b>	15-20 min

Academics, researchers and policy makers from different institutions gathered at the New Conference Hall in Sofia University on June 20<sup>th</sup> to discuss the benefits and challenges of Bulgarian participation in the European Social Survey (ESS) and in the European Research Infrastructure Consortium (ERIC).

The European Social Survey - ESS ([www.europansocialsurvey.org](http://www.europansocialsurvey.org)) is the largest scientific mechanism for monitor the social climate in Europe. The survey measures the attitudes, values, beliefs and behavior patterns of diverse populations in more than thirty five nations. Bulgaria has been a member of ESS since 2005 and so far has successfully completed 4 biannual ESS waves, generating an impressive set of

reliable and comparable (both in time and between countries) data and joining through that memberships to the most prestige research infrastructures in Europe.

The general purpose of the forum is to discuss opportunities for continuing Bulgarian full memberships in the ESS and joining the ESS ERIC European research infrastructure. The discussion aims to draw attention to the search for best practices of ESS use in education, scientific career development and evidence based policies.

Guest speaker at the event will be **Dr. Rory Fitzgerald, Director, ESS ERIC**, City University London.

The session welcomes papers and PPP that will provide empirical, methodological and practical findings. Selected topics that we would like to underline include, but are not limited to:

- Is the ESS beneficial for Bulgaria and with what?
- What ESS says about the current focal points in Europe – in particular inequalities, immigration, social dimension of the crisis, corruption, justice, tolerance toward the others
- What is the ESS picture of social climate in Europe?
- Where is Bulgaria in the European social map?
- What is the Bulgarian case beyond the comparable cross-national data?
- How the ESS as an innovation scientific approach has been used in university education, scientific career development, creating evidence based policies?
- What is the ESS ERIC potential for scientific and policy implementation?

Papers presented in the discussion should not be longer that 20 min and will have a chance to be published in the ESS national and international websites.

#### **PROGRAMME COMMITTEE:**

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