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**INTERNATIONAL EVENT “CIVIL SOCIETY AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION  
UNDER THE TOTALITARIAN REGIMES”**

**June 23 – 26, 2021**

**Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria**

**23 June 2021** – Wednesday – arrival of the international participants

Accommodation – Veliko Tarnovo, Hotel Bolyarski - <https://www.bolyarski.com/en>

**June 24, 2021 – Thursday**

**9.30 – 12.00 – History Hunt Rally – around the city**

**9.30** – Leaving the hotel to the *Oblast Governor House – visit the plenary hall of the District Communist Party (till 1989)* – international participants +

After the visit, the big group will be divided into 2 small mixed groups:

1 mixed group – History Hunt Rally – architecture

2 mixed group – History Hunt Rally – monuments/art

The participants will be accompanied by 3 BG participants, acting as guides and showing them the city while “hunting” for examples of architecture or monuments from the period before 1989.

**12.30 – 14.00 – Lunch - Hotel Bolyarski**

**14.30 – 16.00** – Working in small international groups (+ BG participants)

Place – the barbeque and the terrace - <https://www.bolyarski.com/en/restaurants#23>

1 group – architecture

2 group – monuments/art

In each group, the participants will present their findings from the History Hunt rally from the morning. Each international participants will present examples of architecture or monuments/art from the period of totalitarian/authoritarian regimes in the respective countries. Will discuss the common features and characteristics, common symbols. Each group will prepare a joint poster on architecture or monuments/art.

**16.00 – 16.40** – Plenary session

Place – the barbeque - <https://www.bolyarski.com/en/restaurants#23>

16.00 – 16.20 – Presentation of the findings – group 1

16.20 – 16.40 – Presentation of the findings – group 2

**16.40 – 17.45** – National presentations – 15min per country (GE, GR, IT, PL, SP, UK, BG)

These PPPs will present what has happened in each participant country during the totalitarian/authoritarian period the country experienced.

**17.45 – 18.15** – Totalitarian regimes – lessons learnt for contemporary Europe (summing up by Veliko Tarnovo University professor)

**18.15 – 18.30** – Summarizing our recommendations and ideas on the future of Europe – EIC

**18.30 – 18.45** – Closing solutes and remarks, what is next – Guarani SP

**19.30** – Supper - the barbeque and the terrace - <https://www.bolyarski.com/en/restaurants#23>

### **June 25, 2021 – Friday**

**9.30 – leaving for a History Hunt Excursion and Story Telling small sessions**

- visit to **Kilifarevo** – Museum of socialist equipment and instruments

- visit to **Arbanassi** – ethnographical village next to Veliko Tarnovo where the communist leader Todor Zhivkov had his Residence.

Visit to the **Residence**. Visit to UNESCO heritage site – **Nativity Church** -

<http://www.velikoturnovo.info/en/churches/i17/Church-of-the-Nativity-in-Arbanasi.html>

On the way – **story sharing sessions** by people lived and had active positions at the period till 1989

**Evaluation Link of the event –**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1TowdvZ2kJL8yrA4S9j-QG0lpdx5nIQ3vf8ZwrjZfinM/edit>

**Please, send it before June 30,2021**

**June 26, 2021** – departing of the international participants

**EACH PARTNER has to prepare ahead:**

- PPP on the totalitarian/authoritarian regime in each partner country (10-15min max)
- An example of piece of architecture from the totalitarian/authoritarian regime in each partner country (for the group work)
- An example of piece of art/monument from the totalitarian/authoritarian regime in each partner country (for the group work)