

# Vrana Economic Council 2021: Reforms to Support the European Green Deal

The third 2021 edition of the Vrana Economic Council forum is devoted to the European Green Deal agenda and the economic and social reforms needed in order to accelerate the green transformation and meet decarbonization goals. European Union member states' economies are not equally prepared for the green transformation and so is the public opinion. It is necessary to discuss how to meet the challenges and benefits of green transformation using smart solutions compatible with the liberal values and amid the economic situation created by the Covid 19 pandemic.

## CONFERENCE

**Hybrid Event Sofia, Bulgaria**

**08 September 2021, 10:00–15:00 Sofia time ( 09:00 – 14:00CET)**

## Programme

### 10:00 Opening

#### Speakers:

[Milosz Hodun](#), tbc, Second Vice President of the European Liberal Forum

[Martin Kothé](#) tbc, Regional Director for East and Southeast Europe; Project Director for Bulgaria, North Macedonia and Greece - Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom

### 10:15 Panel 1

#### Speakers:

[Zorniza Russinova](#), Chairperson, Economic and Social Council of Bulgaria

[Šarka Pratt](#), Director, Institute for Politics and Society, Czech Republic

[Bilyana Manolova](#), Vice Chair, Bulgarian – Spanish Chamber of Commerce

[Assoc.Prof. Atanas Georgiev](#), Dean, Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Sofia University „St. Kliment Ochridski”

Main topics of discussion

Economic and social dimensions of the green transition

Energy markets and regulation

**Moderator:** [Iliya Lingorski](#) , Chief Economist of the Atlantic Club in Bulgaria

### 11:30 Coffee Break

### 11: 45 Panel 2

**Speakers:**

[Stoyan Panchev](#), Founder, Expert Club for Economy and Politics; Chairperson, Bulgarian Libertarian Society

[Caroline Verduine](#), Senior Policy adviser Climate and Energy, D66, Netherlands

[Vassil Karaivanov](#), Chairman of the Management Board of Sofia Tech Park

Main topics of discussion

Climate, energy and the business engagement

Decentralized economy

**Moderator:** [Tsvetelina Panchelieva](#), Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

### 13:00 Networking Lunch

### 13:30 Panel 3

**Speaker:**

[Assoc. Prof. Teodor Atanasov](#), Faculty of Economics and Business Administration, Sofia University „St. Kliment Ochridski”

[Alexander J. Klein](#), Teaching assistant, IDC Herzliya, former Adviser to thr Romanian government

[Prof. Svetlana Alexandrova](#), Professor, University for National and World Economy Sofia [Bojidar](#)

[Alexandrov](#), Youth Activist

Main topics of discussion

SMS, Financing the transition,

Sustainability, Public funds

**Moderator:** [Tsvetelina Panchelieva](#), Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

### 14:45 Closing remarks

### 15:00 End of the event

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