

*Round Table*

## Russian Influence in Europe: Countering State Capture Risks

14 November 2019

Serdika Hall, Sofia Hotel Balkan

*Agenda*

**10:00** *Opening*

**Dr. Ognian Shentov**, Chairman, Center for the Study of Democracy  
**Thorsten Geissler**, Director, Sofia Office, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

**10:10** *Russian (Economic) Influence in Europe*

**Ruslan Stefanov**, Director, Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy

*How to Make Sanctions on Russia Work*

**Dr. Michael Carpenter**, Senior Director, Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement  
**Rosen Plevneliev**, President of the Republic of Bulgaria (2012–2017)  
**Traicho Traikov**, Minister of the Economy, Energy and Tourism of Bulgaria (2009–2012)

*Discussion*

*Moderator:* **Ilian Vassilev**, Ambassador of Bulgaria to Russia (2000-2006)

**11:30** *Cocktail*