

Policy Workshop

**Information Integrity, Media Freedom & Rule of Law:
Priorities for European Policy Actions**

24 September 2024
Newton Hall, Grand Hotel Millennium

Agenda

9:30 *Registration and welcome coffee*

10:00 *Opening*

Ruslan Stefanov, Program Director, Center for the Study of Democracy
Kenneth Merten, Ambassador of the United States of America to Bulgaria

Media freedom and malign foreign information manipulation and interference

Georgi Lozanov, Faculty of Journalism and Mass Communication, Sofia University
Venelin Petkov, former News Director, bTV
Tsvetelina Sokolova, Editor, Mediapool
Mirolyuba Benatova, Editor and Host, *The Daily Agenda*
Radostina Mihalkova, Program Director, Good Governance, America for Bulgaria Foundation

Discussion

Moderator: **Todor Galev**, Director of Research, Center for the Study of Democracy

11:30 *Coffee break*

11:45 *Enhancing media freedom financing models in Europe*

Velislava Popova, Editor in Chief, *Dnevnik*
Ryan McLaren, Analyst, Center for the Study of Democracy
Ilian Vassilev, Editor and Host, AlternativataBG
Svetoslav Malinov, Analyst, Center for the Study of Democracy

Discussion

Moderator: **Rumiana Bachvarova**, Senior Associate Fellow, Center for the Study of Democracy

12:30 *Closing and cocktail*