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# Programme

## Friday, September 13th

### JURY
- **Arrival**
  - Kiosk at the airport.
  - Transfers airport–hotel and hotel–venue.
  - Registration at venue.
- **Free museum access**
- **Transfer to the dinner venue**
- **Welcome dinner**
- **Transfer to hotels**

### ADULTS IN CHARGE/GUESTS
- **Arrival**
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  - Transfers airport–hotel and hotel–venue.
  - Registration at venue.
- **Setting up stands**
- **Transfer to the dinner venue**
- **Welcome dinner at Metropolitan Hotel Sofia**
- **Transfer to hotels**

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- **Setting up stands**
- **Transfer to the dinner venue**
- **Welcome dinner at Metropolitan Hotel Sofia**
- **Transfer to hotels**

### Time
- **All Day**
  - 8:00 - 16:00
- **10:00 - 17:00**
- **17:45 - 18:30**
- **18:00 - 21:00**
- **21:00 - 22:00**
### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

#### JURY
- **Opening ceremony** at Inter Expo Center (IEC)
- **First Jury session**
- **Cultural programme, options for visiting Comic Con**
- **Transfer to hotels**
- **Dinner at the hotels**

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#### TIME
- **8:00 - 11:30**
- **12:00 - 13:30**
- **13:30 - 16:00**
- **16:00 - 16:45**
- **16:45 - 21:00**
- **21:00 - 22:00**
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**JURY**

- Transfer to award ceremony
- Award ceremony at Bulgaria Hall
- Cocktail and winners press-conference
- Walk tour around Sofia (optional)
- Farewell party at Grand Hotel Sofia
- Transfer to hotels every 30 minutes
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

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Please note that all timings are subject to change!
REGISTRATION

The registration will take place at the Registration & Information Desk, Hall 5 of the Internet Expo Center. Welcome Packets including EUCYS2019 book and other materials will be provided to you at that time. Jury members will receive their Welcome Packets at their hotel.

OPEN DAY PROGRAM

14, 16 & 17 SEPTEMBER

EUCYS 2019 is open to all visitors to visit the stands of the participants and discuss topics of interest with them during the judging sessions, provided that they do not interrupt the judging process. The public is also welcome to the following events:

- **Building blocks of the universe**, Dr Claire Lee – September 14th (Saturday) 16:00, Hall 4 (Coca-Cola stage), Inter Expo Center
- **Café scientifique** with Diana Mishkova, Grigory Kabatyansky, Peter Littlewood and Claire Lee – September 16th (Monday), 17:30 – 19:30, Hall 11 (Lumiere Cinema), National Palace of Culture (http://www.ndk.bg/contacts)
- **140 BPM** audio-visual spectacle celebrating the Day of Sofia – September 17th (Tuesday) 20:30 – 22:00, in front of the National Art Gallery (1, Knyaz Alexander I Blvd., Sofia 1000)
INTER EXPO CENTER
147, Tsarigradsko shose Blvd., Halls 5 & 6
Metro Line 1, Inter Expo Center - Tsarigradsko shose station
HOTELS

METROPOLITAN HOTEL
64, Tsarigradsko Shose Blvd.
Mladost 1, 1784 Sofia
+359 2 424 7900
metropolitanhotelsofia.com

BEST WESTERN PLUS EXPO
149, Tsarigradsko Shose Blvd.
1784 Sofia
+359 2 817 8151
hotelexposofia.com
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Ambulance, Fire, Police 112

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Sofia 1113, Bulgaria
2, Alexander Zhendov Str.
Emergency Hotline 24/7:
+359 2 948 24 04

STUDENT HELPER CONTACTS

Name

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Phone No.

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BADGE

Please wear your badge at all times. Your badge gives you access to all events and catering.

FOOD AND MEALS

Breakfast and dinner will be served in the hotels.

Lunch is served during the contest at the contest venue for all registered participants. Please wear your badge as identification.

Please pay attention to information about the ingredients of food if you have any dietary requests.

WATER

• Tap water is safe to drink all over the country but not always pleasant in taste or appearance. Bulgaria's vast supplies of mineral water are widely available in 0.5 litre and 1.5 litre bottles. A 1.5 L bottle of mineral water costs around 0.70 EUR at the supermarket.

WEATHER AND CLOTHING

September is a great time to visit Sofia. The weather in Sofia at this time of the year is mild and pleasant, although it may get rainy or cold at night. You should bring a sweatshirt and a jacket for the evening, and an umbrella or raincoat, just in case.
CURRENCY

The currency of Bulgaria is the lev (BGN or „лв.“), which is divided to 100 stotinki (st.). Since 1997, the value of the lev has been pegged to the Euro, at a fixed rate of 1 EUR – 1.95583 BGN. You cannot pay in Euro but you can exchange Euro and US dollars in any bank or exchange office.

Large stores, hotels, catering and entertainment establishments usually accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Diners Club. In smaller stores, hotels, and catering and entertainment establishments, you will have to pay in cash.

For easier calculation, you may consider that 1 BGN is approximately equal to 0.50 EUR and you simply divide by BGN value to 2 to get the value in EUR.

1 EUR = 1.95 BGN
1 USD = 1.77 BGN

TIME ZONE

The time zone in Bulgaria is currently Eastern European Summer Time, UTC+3.

ELECTRICITY

Power sockets used in Bulgaria are of the F type („Schuko“). Voltage is 230 V. Frequency is 50 Hz.
BULGARIAN LANGUAGE

When traveling to a foreign country, it is always a great idea to learn a few basic phrases in the local language. Making an effort to say a few simple things in Bulgarian will surely win the hearts of the locals.

Bulgaria uses the Cyrillic alphabet and this makes the language look a bit more intimidating to the traveler's eye that it should be.

In Bulgaria we are extremely proud of our alphabet. It is a potent symbol of the Bulgarian Revival, the Bulgarian education system, Bulgarian science, Bulgarian publishing, journalism and general love of knowledge.

The Alphabet Day (May 24th) is one of the most beloved Bulgarian holidays.

You will be surprised to find out how similar the Cyrillic and the Latin alphabet are, both being offshoots of the Greek script. Six of the letters are identical (A, E, K, M, O, T). Others are identical in shape but not phonetically: B, H, P, C, X).

Investing 30 minutes to an hour to learn how to read in Cyrillic will pay many times over at bus, metro and railway stations.
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<td>b</td>
<td>b as in boy</td>
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ESSENTIAL PHRASES IN BULGARIAN

Thank you – благодаря
Please – моля
Excuse me – извинете
No smoking – пушенето забранено
Entrance – вход
Exit – изход
Hello – здоровей
Hi – здраве
What is your name? – Как се казваш?
My name is... – Казвам се...
Hi! I’m [name]. And you? – Здрасти! Аз съм [име]. А ти?
Nice to meet you – Приятно ми е (да се запознаем)
Where are you from? – Откъде си?
Cheers – наздраве
Bon appetite – добър апетит
How can I get to... – Как да стигна до...
I don’t understand. – Не разбирах.
How can I help you? – С какво мога да Ви помогна?
SOFIA PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public transit in Sofia is a quick, convenient and cheap way to travel around the city.

BUSES, TRAMS AND TROLLEYS IN SOFIA

Sofia's buses, trams and troleys run on a regular schedule and will take you almost anywhere.

BUYING TICKETS

Upon you arrival, you will get a free pass for all types of public transport during your stay in Sofia.

In case you forgot to take your pass, you must buy a ticket to use the public transport. Tickets can be bought from the driver (with exact cash) or from a ticket machine on-board (only in trams and troleys and with coins only). Most of the major stops have a small ticket kiosk.

You should validate your ticket by punching it in the punching device mounted to the wall and keep it until you get off. Oversized luggage should also be ticketed.
PUBLIC TRANSIT SCHEDULE IN SOFIA

Most public transport becomes scarce after 10 pm and stops between 11 pm and 5.30 am.

You can download the Moovit app – the best tool for scheduling and planning your public transit journey in Sofia.

THE METRO OF SOFIA
It started operating in 1998, but it has quickly become the favorite means of transportation. There are two lines, which are connected at the Serdica station. The metro also reaches Terminal 2 of Sofia Airport.

Tickets or cards can be bought from the ticket machines or from the cashier’s desk at every station. When you buy a single ride ticket for the Metro, you should validate it within 15 minutes.

TICKET PRICES
- Ticket for one ride: 1.60 lv. (€ 0.80)
- Card for 10 rides : 12.00 lv (€ 6.00)
- Daily pass for all lines: 4.00 lv (€ 2.00)
- Three-day pass for all lines: 10.00 lv (€ 5.00)
TAXI
The most secure way to take a taxi in Sofia is to order one via phone, internet or apps. This way the taxi company will keep some important data about the ride. If a problem occurs, they can track the car, the route, the driver and the time of the ride, making it easier to solve the problem and leaving smaller room for scam.

TAXI COMPANIES
Yellow taxi Sofia +359 2 91119
O.K. Supertrans +359 2 973 2121
Taksi-S Ekspres +359 2 1280

TAXI RATES
The taxi-service in Sofia is relatively affordable. The average fares forming the price are the following:
- initial (starting) fare: 0,70 BGN
- fare for booking: 0,70 BGN
- fare per km/day time (6 am – 10 pm): 0,80 BGN
- fare per km/night time (10 pm – 6 am): 0,90 BGN
- waiting fare per minute: 0,22 BGN (this is when the car gets stuck in a traffic or is waiting at a traffic light)

There are some taxi companies operating at higher rates. The taxis in Sofia are obliged to show their fares on the front and side windows, so check it out before entering the cab. In most cases if the fare is higher than 1.00 BGN per kilometer, probably the best thing is to wait for another cab. Pay special attention to the waiting fare.
SHOPPING

The nearest shopping centres to the hotels of EUCYS 2019 participants is:

THE MALL
115, Tsarigradsko shose Blvd.
Working hours: **10 am to 10 pm**

HOW TO GET TO THE MALL
The Mall offers easy access to public transportation – you can choose between:

**Bus stop Hermes Park:**
Bus lines: 1, 3, 5, 6, 76, 204, 213, 305, 604

**Bus stop UMBAL Sveta Anna:**
Bus lines: 1, 3, 5, 6, 76, 84, 204, 213, 305, 306, 604
Trolley lines: 5, 8
It is not allowed to drink or buy alcohol if you are under the age of 18. Adults are not allowed to buy alcohol for minors. Smoking is not allowed under the age of 18. Smoking in public buildings and in some public areas is not allowed. Please pay attention to signs on the pavement and in the buildings.

All participants have to inform their Adult-in-charge if they are going out of the hotel after the official program.

We kindly ask all participants to stay in groups of at least 3 people. Do not accept drinks from strangers. Do not leave your drinks unattended. If you have lost yourself or are in trouble, do not hesitate to call your Adult-in-charge, or your Student Helper, or even the police at 112.