

# BULGARIA- EU-TAIWAN RELATIONS

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DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE

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## AGENDA

### Bulgaria/EU - Taiwan Relations - Promoting Democratic Resilience

*May 14, 2024, at "Velchova zavera" sq. 7, Lozenets, Sofia*

**Event Moderator:** Irina Nedeva, Chair Association of European Journalists - Bulgaria

**10:30**     *Registration and Welcome Coffee*

**10:50**     *Welcome Remarks*

**Amb. Sherman Kuo**

Representative of the Taipei Representative Office in Greece

**Dr. Solomon Passy**

President, Atlantic Club of Bulgaria

**11:00**     *PANEL I: The War in Ukraine and Lessons Learned for the Democratic World: Economic Independence as Self-protection*

**Kuan-Ting Chen**

Chief Executive Officer, Taiwan NextGen Foundation  
(pre-recorded message)

**Amb. Elena Poptodorova**

Vice-President of the Atlantic Club of Bulgaria

**Dick Roche**

Minister for European Affairs of Ireland (2007-2011)

**11:30**     *PANEL II: Unveiling Synergies (Taiwan-EU-Bulgaria): Economic Development, Collaborative Strategies for Building Resilience and the Vital Role of the Semiconductor and Chip Industry*

**Dr. Yisuo Tzeng**

Associate Research Fellow, Institute for National Defense and Security Research  
(online)

**Eng. Emil Yankov**

Business Development Manager, Trakia Economic Zone

**Prof. Dr. Eng. Dimitar Nikolov**

Department of "Electronic Technology" - Technical University of Sofia

**12:00**     ***PANEL III: Disinformation as a Weapon***

**Antoinette Nikolova**

Director, Balkan Free Media Initiative

**Dr. Velizar Shalamanov**

MP, Defence Minister (2014) and Defense Capabilities Director, Atlantic Club of Bulgaria

**Angel Petrov**

Journalist, Dnevnik

**12:30**     ***PANEL IV: Democracy and Self-Defence from AI Attacks***

**Jasen Tanev**

Country Manager, Zucchetti Bulgaria

**Kristina Eskenazi**

Board Member, AI Cluster Bulgaria

**Ivan Goychev**

Deputy Mayor of Sofia for "Digitalization and Innovation"

**Prof. Eng. DSc Georgi Todorov**

Dean, Faculty of Industrial Technology - Technical University of Sofia

**13:00**     ***PANEL V: Within and Beyond the One China Policy in Bulgarian Foreign Policy || The European Experience and Expanding Institutional Ties***

**Dr. Marc Chia-Ching Cheng**

Executive Director, European Union Centre in Taiwan  
([online](#))

**Angel Hristov**

MA student in Politics and Society of East Asia at the University of Tübingen, Germany and exchange student at the Political Science Department, National Taiwan University, Taipei. ([online](#))

**Dr. Rumena Filipova**

Chairperson and Co-Founder, Institute for Global Analytics

**13:30**     ***Closing Remarks and Networking Cocktail***