

**BALKAN
POLITICAL CLUB**



**TEN YEARS BALKAN POLITICAL CLUB - XIII
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: BALKANS INTO EUROPE AND WORLD IN 21
CENTURY**

Venue: 27 -29 May 2011 Sofia, Grand Hotel Sofia, Sofia hall

Working languages: English, Bulgarian

27 May 2011

Arrival and accommodation

19:30 ***Welcome reception hosted by President Zhelev***

28 May 2011

09:00 – Registration

09:30 -10:30

Opening session

Opening speech by D.Sc. Zhelyu Zhelev, President of the Republic of Bulgaria (1990-1997) and President of Balkan Political Club

President Gueorgi Parvanov

Prime minister Boyko Borissov

Peter-Andreas Bochmann, Project Director, South-East Division of Friedrich Nauman Foundation for Freedom

Greeting addresses

10:30-11:00

Coffee break

11:00-12:00

Session I: EU's initial steps, enlargement strategy, challenges of economic sustainability and balance in multinational and multicultural society. The role of sub-regional (Balkan) cooperation.

Part A

Moderator: Emil Constantinescu, President of Romania (1996-2000)

Suleyman Demirel, 9th President of the Republic of Turkey

Ion Iliescu, President of Romania (2000-2004)

Zhelyu Zhelev, President of Bulgaria (1990-1997)

Mircea Snegur, President of Moldova (1990-1996)

