

Women's Empowerment: a Pathway to Equality, Sustainability and Success

March 7th, 2025

Time: 10:00 – 14:00

Place: Sofia City Art Gallery

Working languages: Bulgarian and English (simultaneous translation)

09:30 - 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 10:20 Opening remarks

H.E. Irene Maria Plank

Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in
Bulgaria

Sonja Miekley

General manager
German-Bulgarian Chamber of Industry and Commerce

Stanislava Taneva

Vice President, American Chamber of Commerce in
Bulgaria
Citibank Europe Branch Bulgaria
Head of Corporate Banking for Central and Eastern Europe

Zlatozara Stoilova

Project Manager
Konrad Adenauer Foundation Bulgaria

Moderator:

Tania Gerginova

Head of Public affairs
German-Bulgarian Chamber of Industry and Commerce

10:20 – 10:35 Fireside chat

**Milestones and challenges faced by women in
governance and diplomacy**

Mariya Gabriel

President Robert Schuman Institute

Moderator:

Zlatozara Stoilova,

Project Manager

Konrad Adenauer Foundation Bulgaria

10:35 – 11:15 Discussion panel I

**Role of women in shaping policies, diplomacy and
education**

Doris Pack

MEP (1989 – 2014)

Former President EPP Women

Christina de Bruin

UNICEF Representative in Bulgaria

H.E. Kirsti Pohjankukka

Ambassador of Finland in Bulgaria

Anna-Maria Halacheva

Researcher INSAIT

Moderator:

Zlatozara Stoilova

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11:15 – 12:00 Discussion panel II

Women in business and innovation

Meg Maise

Global SAP Alliance Program Director IBM

Angela Rodel

Executive Director of the Bulgarian- American Fulbright
Commission

Tatyana Dobрева

Career Products, Mercer Marsh Benefits

Zornitsa Yankova

HR Director, Aurubis Bulgaria

Moderator:

Dr. Maya Neidenowa

Vice President

German-Bulgarian Chamber of Industry and Commerce

12:00 – 14:00 Exhibition by Emil Stoychev

Cocktail

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