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March 6th, 2026

Time: 10:00 – 14:00

Place: Théâtre otsam kanala, 12 Varbitsa St., 1504 Sofia

Working languages: Bulgarian and English (simultaneous translation)

09:15 - 10:00 **Registration**

10:00 – 10:20 **Opening remarks**

H.E. Iliana Yotova

President of the Republic of Bulgaria

Sonja Miekley

General Manager

German-Bulgarian Chamber of Industry and
Commerce

Zlatozara Stoilova

Project Manager

Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation Bulgaria

10:20 – 10:50

Fireside chat

**Navigating in Times of Crisis:
Women Shaping Solutions**

H.E. Irene Maria Plank

Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in
Bulgaria

H.E. Olesya Ilashchuk

Ambassador of Ukraine to Bulgaria

Estefanía Meléndez

Political Advisor (Venezuela)

Moderator:

Mihail Krumov

President Scholars Club

Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation Bulgaria

10:50 – 11:20

Discussion panel I

Women at the Frontlines of Tech and Defense

Cap(N) II Rank Dimana Slavova

Head of the Department "Personnel, protocol and
administration"

Nikola Vaptsarov Naval Academy

Association of Women in the Armed Forces

Eliza Bakardzhieva

Director of Materials Management and Aviation
Logistics/Member of the Strategic Management
Lufthansa Technik Sofia

Vice President German-Bulgarian Chamber of
Industry and Commerce

Dr. eng. Emanuela Manolova

Iron-silicate Business Development Manager/
Women4Metals
Aurubis Bulgaria

Moderator:

Zlatozara Stoilova

Project Manager
Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation Bulgaria

11:20 – 11:30

Women from the Past:

Life in Science – Elizaveta Karamihailova

AI generated Interview with
Maria Tchakarova
Founder
The Face of Sofia

11:30– 12:10

Discussion panel II

Leading in the Digital Age

Desislava Ivanovich

Deputy CEO
Schwarz IT Bulgaria

Radostina Kondakova

Principal Security Engineer
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
(EBRD) in Bulgaria

Yana Neikova

Project Manager
Adesso Bulgaria/Data Science Society

Zorka Ivanova

Managing Director
Siemens Energy

Moderator:

Olga Wassilewska

CEO
MW LOGISTICA/Member of the Board of the German-
Bulgarian Chamber of Industry and Commerce

12:10

Closing remarks

12:10 – 14:00 Networking Cocktail

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