



The East-to-East Dialogue Series of thematic online seminars is a pilot initiative launched by the Economic Policy Institute in Bulgaria (EPI Sofia) with the kind financial support of the Korea Foundation. It is realized as a complementary activity to the Next Generation Korea Fellows Incubator in Bulgaria and aims to raise awareness on topical issues by engaging in a highly interactive virtual format a small group of young people from both Bulgaria (as a European Union member) and the Republic of Korea.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM: March 30th, 2024 (Saturday)

10 AM EET / 5 PM KST Opening Session: Introductions & Ice-breaking exercise

10:30 AM EET / 5:30 KST Parallel Thematic Seminars

- ***Breakout Room 1: AI Regulations and Privacy in the EU/Bulgaria and South Korea***
Presentation and facilitation by Anita Dangova, 2021 Next Gen Korea Fellow & Legal Associate at DGKV
- ***Breakout Room 2: Climate Change & Green Transition in the EU/Bulgaria and South Korea***
presentation by Tsvetelina Kuzmanova, 2020 Next Gen Korea Fellow & Senior Policy Advisor on Sustainable Finance at E3G - Brussels and facilitation by Yasen Georgiev, Executive Director at EPI Sofia
- ***Breakout Room 3: Healthcare and Shortage of Medical Professionals in Bulgaria and South Korea***
presentation by Anatali Georgieva, 2022 Next Gen Korea Fellow and facilitation by Mariana Trifonova, East Asia Program Director at EPI Sofia

11:15 am EET / 6:15 KST Presentation of Breakout Room outputs

11:45 am EET / 6:45 KST Wrap-up



TARGET AUDIENCE: Bulgarian and Korean nationals aged 19 to 35 years

The event is suitable for university students, young scholars, and early career professionals with less than 5 years of work experience.

REGISTRATION: Participation is free but requires prior registration due to limited capacity.

Each participant can choose one thematic seminar to attend. Kindly note, that while EPI will make every effort to accommodate your preference, you are required to input a 2nd choice as we strive to ensure optimal representation and diversity in each breakout room, thus encouraging meaningful interactions between Bulgarians and Koreans.

Register by March 29th, 2024 (Friday) by clicking the [LINK](#) or scanning the **QR code** below.



BENEFITS: All participants will receive e-certificates of attendance by EPI, issued within 1 month of the completion of the event.

Please, make sure to monitor your registered e-mail (including the SPAM folder) for further details.

About EPI Sofia

The Economic Policy Institute (EPI) is a non-governmental, politically independent and not-for-profit organization, founded in 1997. The mission of EPI is to contribute to utilizing the full potential of Bulgaria by enhancing the competitiveness of its economy and increasing the



efficiency of its public institutions. In this way, EPI aims at adding value to the membership of Bulgaria in the European Union and thus at supporting the reform processes in South Eastern Europe. To achieve this, EPI delivers policy recommendations in a wide range of spheres based on economic research and interdisciplinary analyses; elaborates on and advocates for alternative approaches in the field of economic policy and specific economic sectors; encourages public discussions on economic and socioeconomic issues and raises awareness among decision-makers, civil society and other stakeholders.

In 2020, in celebration of the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the Republic of Bulgaria and the Republic of Korea, EPI launched and has been running ever since the **Next Generation Korea Fellows Incubator in Bulgaria** with the kind support of the Korea Foundation. The NGKFellows Incubator aims at filling the void in Bulgarian policy, academic and public space when it comes to providing professional and objective analysis on policy issues related to the Korean peninsula and the East Asian region in general. The project intends to nurture the next generation of young policy experts and researchers on Korea-related issues in Bulgaria by supporting their research activities and creating a collaborative networking environment. At the same time, it strives to create a platform of informal exchange and facilitate contacts with Korean counterparts.