

## **Newsletter: Invitation Summer Academy**

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We warmly invite you to our Summer Academy 2012 which will take place from July 13th until 15th in Bulgaria.

Dear members and friends of Democracy International,

as you are a part of an international movement. Now you have the chance to meet people from all over Europe – and even beyond.

### **New Phase for Democracy International**

We have reached the next step of the movement's development. This is marked by two landmark events: The European Citizens' Initiative has finally come into force - and we have also nearly completed all paperwork for the foundation. Now is time to set new goals:

[democracy-international.org/2012-summer-academy.html](http://democracy-international.org/2012-summer-academy.html)

### **Why Burgas? Why Bulgaria?**

We want to get in contact with people working on democracy issues from many countries. Our member Daniela Bozhinova is running an influential direct democracy group – we use her network to get in contact with democracy initiatives from Bulgaria and other countries.

The Summer Academy in Bulgaria will provide an opportunity to get insight and explore first -hand the state of democracy in South-Eastern Europe - a region that has been governed for decades by socialist command systems and totalitarian regimes. Bulgaria is a new EU member-state and is located at the south-easternmost edge of the European continent or the geographical “beginning” of Europe.

### **Programme**

The weekend will start with a Pre-Tour on Thursday: We will meet practitioners and officials who are concerned with direct democracy in Bulgaria. On Friday evening we will talk about democracy in general. On Saturday we have the focus on different topics of our work: European Citizens Initiative, election law and the development of direct democracy in Europe. The last day is dedicated to different initiatives in the region:

[democracy-international.org/programme.html](http://democracy-international.org/programme.html)

## Questions?

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## Costs

The conference fee will be 140 Euro (Double Room) and 180 (Single Room). In addition, as a participant you have to cover the travel expenditures. Please make sure that you pay before June 22 as we have to do the final reservations for the room.

Please find all information here

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We regret seeing you go.

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