

## Black Sea Broadcasting Regulatory Authorities Forum 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting - Program

Dates: **16-18 September 2026**  
Location: **Sofia, Bulgaria**  
Venue: **Hotel InterContinental Sofia**  
Main theme: **Artificial Intelligence in Media and Regulation**

### September 16, 2026

Arrival of the delegations

17:00 – 18:00 Welcome Cocktail at Kvadrat 500 (National Gallery Building)  
19:00 – 20:00 Welcome Dinner at the Hotel InterContinental Sofia (ADOR Restaurant)

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### September 17, 2026    **BRAF Meeting in Hotel “Hotel InterContinental Sofia”, Sofia, Bulgaria**

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Session

09:30 – 10:00 Registration/ Coffee and networking  
10:00 – 10:05 Adoption of the Agenda  
10:05 – 10:35 Opening remarks:  
- Ivan Vasilev – Minister of Innovation and Digital Transformation  
- Dr. Deniz Güçer, Secretary General of BRAF  
- H.E. Amb. Dr. Merve Safa Kavakcı, First Deputy Secretary General, BSEC PERMIS  
- Dr. Gabriela Naplatanova, Chair of CEM  
10:35 – 10:45 BRAF PS Presentation of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Vlora, Albania  
10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break  
11:00 – 12:15 Presentation of the Country Reports (*approx. 5-10 mins per authority*)  
12:15 – 12:30 Conclusions and closure of the 1<sup>st</sup> Session  
- *Nomination for the next Term Presidency*  
12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> Session

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| 14:00 – 15:40 | <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Panel:</b> Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Media and Regulation:<br/> <i>“How AI is Reshaping Content Creation, Moderation, and Distribution”: “From the perspective of regulatory authorities, are contents produced within the framework of protecting pluralism, transparency, and fundamental rights?”</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b><br/> Alexei Nistorean, Executive Manager, BSEC PERMIS</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b><br/> Milla Velcheva, Chief Expert, CEM-Bulgaria,<br/> Costas Apostolas, Special Scientist/Electronics Engineer, NCTR-Greece,<br/> Lilia Simonyan, Adviser to the Chairperson, CTR-Armenia</p> |
| 15:40 – 16:00 | Coffee Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 16:00 – 17:40 | <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Panel:</b> Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Media and Regulation:<br/> <i>“The Future of Media Regulation in an AI-Driven World”: “Regulatory Tools, Monitoring Mechanisms, Best Practices and Regional Cooperation in AI-Driven Media”</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b><br/> Dr. Simona Veleva – Council Member, CEM-Bulgaria</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b><br/> Dr. Deniz Güler, Vice President, RTÜK-Türkiye,<br/> Saša Simović, Assistant Director for Legal Affairs, REM-Serbia,<br/> Valentin - Alexandru Jucan, Vice President, NAC-Romania,<br/> Armela Krasniqi, Chair, AMA-Albania</p>                               |
| 17:40 – 18:00 | Closure of the Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 20:00-        | Gala Dinner (Pri Orlite Restaurant)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

### September 18, 2026

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| 09:30 – | City tour to “Old Sofia” and departures of the delegates |
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#### **Old Sofia Tour:**

*This tour focuses on the history of Sofia before it became the capital of Bulgaria. We will explore the period from the 1st century, during the Roman Empire, to the end of the 19th century and the final years of Ottoman rule. The city's past will be presented through buildings that still exist today, as well as through those that have disappeared to make way for the development of the modern European capital.*