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**INVITATION**  
**International Conference:**  
**Life Skills and Financial Education in the Bulgarian and European Contexts**  
**21.03.2016,**  
**House of Europe, Sofia – Bulgaria**

On behalf of the Aflatoun International Secretariat and the host partner organization in Bulgaria, Integra Bulgaria Association, our supporters the European Investment Bank Institute and Erasmus+, along with our collaborators Child & Youth Finance International (CYFI), National Network for Children Bulgaria and the Financial Literacy Initiative Foundation, it is our pleasure to invite you to the International Conference on Life Skills and Financial Education in the Bulgarian and European Contexts.

The conference will bring together international experts, representatives of governmental bodies, educational institutions, private sector, and civil society in the field of social and financial education for children and youth in Bulgaria. Please see the draft agenda attached.

Aflatoun International and Integra Bulgaria Association, with the EIB Institute financial support, have joined their efforts to promote and implement the social and financial education model in Bulgaria. The first phase of the pilot is completed in the Burgas Region. Come to hear about the results achieved, the opportunities for implementation of the life skills and financial education model at the national level, and learn about the best practices across Europe.

We would kindly request that you register by email before the **18<sup>th</sup> March**, 2016 to [integra\\_bulgaria@abv.bg](mailto:integra_bulgaria@abv.bg).

The conference will take place in Sofia, Bulgaria at the House of Europe - 124 Rakovski Str., Sofia  
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## DRAFT AGENDA

Time	Activity
9,30 – 10,00	<b>Registration</b>
10,00 – 10,15	<b>Official opening</b> Opening Remarks Presentation of official guests and speakers at the conference
10,15 – 11,55	<b>PANEL 1</b> <b>Social and financial education as a life skill - National and European Contexts</b> Chair: Representative Erasmus+ (tbc)
	<i><b>The role of life skills education in promoting the fundamental values of the EU</b></i> <b>UNICEF Bulgaria (tbc)</b> – educational programmes in Bulgaria that promote entrepreneurship and social reintegration  <i><b>Government initiatives to promote children and youth social and financial life skills education in Bulgaria</b></i> <b>Ministry of Education Bulgaria</b> Integration of FE and entrepreneurship elements in the school curriculum  <b>National Revenue Agency</b> - agency of the Ministry of Finance of Bulgaria Financial literacy program for high school students in Bulgaria  <i><b>Bulgarian initiatives to promote children and youth social and financial life skills education</b></i> <b>Rossitza Wartonick, Financial Literacy Initiative Foundation</b>

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	<p>Bulgaria Financial Literacy Map and Establishment of the national Working Group</p> <p><b>Milena Nikolova, National network for children</b> Child participation and alignment to Children Rights – results from the Yearly Research of NNC</p> <p><b>Desislava Stefanova - Center for Interethnic Dialogue and Tolerance “Amalipe”</b> Developing participative processes for the generation of a financial education curriculum addressed to young adults at risk: Edufin</p>
11,55 – 12,10	<b>Coffee Break</b>
12,10 – 13,15	<p><b>PANEL 2</b> <b>Subject: Lifeskills Education programmes and Curriculum integration: International Experiences</b> Chair: Adreane Dimitrova – Executive Director of “Community fund for Burgas Region”</p>
	<p><b>Desislava Teneva, Integra Bulgaria Association</b> Piloting Aflateen social and financial education in Bulgaria and a model to promote children and youth participation in the education system</p> <p><b>Ana Rodrigues, Aflatoun International, The Netherlands</b> Overview of the Global programme on Social and Financial Programme– Aflatoun International it’s origin and its network</p> <p><b>Luan Imeri, Center for Human Rights and Conflict Resolution, Republic of Macedonia</b> Integrating Social and Financial Education in the National Curriculum – collaboration with UNICEF and Bureau of Education</p> <p><b>Q&amp;A</b></p>
13,15 – 14,15	<b>Lunch</b>

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14,15 – 15,35	<b>PANEL 3 Private Sector involvement in Financial Education Programmes</b> Chair: Luisa Ferreira, European Investment Bank Institute (Luxembourg)
	<b><i>Financial education and financial inclusion: the role of financial sector</i></b> <b>Karina Avakyan, Child &amp; Youth Finance International, The Netherlands</b> Integrated approach to financial education and financial inclusion – School Bank concept  <b>Financial Education initiatives:</b> <b>Milen Baltov, Vice Rector University of Burgas</b>  <b>NN Bank Bulgaria</b>
15,35 – 16,15	<b>PANEL 4</b> <b>Social and Financial Life skills education and its implementation in the curriculum in Bulgaria: experiences from schools and students</b> Chair: Deputy Mayor Burgas
	<b><i>Linking the Aflateen programme to the School and afterschool Programmes in Burgas Region</i></b> Experiences by teachers, directors and youth that participated in the pilot programme – Aflateen social and financial education.
16,15 – 16,30	<b>Closing Remarks</b>

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