

LETTERS, HERITAGE, IDENTITIES ROUND TABLE & MATCHMAKING EVENT

THE GLAGOLITIC ALPHABET - THE FORGOTTEN ALPHABET OF EUROPE WORKSHOP & STAKEHOLDER CHALLENGE

We are delighted to invite you to the upcoming Matchmaking Event & Roundtable for researchers entitled “Letters, Heritage, Identities,” along with a special workshop for & a stakeholder challenge on “The Glagolitic Alphabet – The Forgotten Alphabet of Europe”, which are part of our activities under the Transform4Europe Alliance in the field of Common Heritage and Multilingualism and Doctoral Education and Innovative Ecosystems. This unique quadruple event will take place at Sofia University, Bulgaria, on 28th – 30th of January 2025. It is designed for students, young and experienced researchers interested in exploring the intersections of writing systems, cultural heritage, and identity. Join us for engaging discussions, matchmaking and networking opportunities, and hands-on learning.

The Letters, Heritage, Identities **Round Table** will bring together young and experienced researchers dealing with matters related to cultural, linguistic, supranational, national, ethnic, etc. identities. Together, they will explore the ways arts and media in general (including literature, visual arts, social media, etc.) as well as historical and contemporary narratives shape perceptions of self and otherness.

The **Matchmaking Talks** sessions will bring together students, faculty, and researchers working on cultural heritage and innovation. Participants will be able to get to know each other further and to form collaborative teams for future projects in the field of history and heritage studies, cultural and media studies, literature, multilingualism, political studies, library and information studies and arts.

The **Workshop** will focus on the connections between writing systems, cultural heritage, and identity, examining the theme from various perspectives, including linguistics, history, cultural studies, and the arts and will have two strands. One of the strands is specially designed for students of arts and graphic design.

Together with the workshop, a **Stakeholder challenge** will be held, in which students and young researchers from the partner universities will participate. This innovative challenge will directly connect the stakeholders with young people, to offer a concrete solution for an issue presented by the stakeholders of the event – the St. St. Cyril and Methodius National Library and NALIS (National Academic Library and Information System). The participants will work in collaboration with a mentor during the problem-solving phases of the challenge.

Event Highlights:

- Roundtable Discussions: Engage with fellow scholars to talk about writing systems, cultural heritage, identity and more.
- **Workshop & Stakeholder** challenge: Explore the Glagolitic alphabet through creative poster-making and other interactive, hands-on tasks.
- Matchmaking & networking opportunities: Connect with peers and professionals in your field.

We look forward to your participation!

Organisers: Sofia University, St. St. Cyril and Methodius National Library (<https://www.nationallibrary.bg/>), NALIS – National Academic Library and Information System (<http://www.nalis.bg/>), Ivan Duychev Slavo-Byzantine Studies Centre (https://www.uni-sofia.bg/index.php/eng/the_university/centres/centre_for_slavo_byzantine_studies_prof_ivan_dujcev)

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