

BULGARIAN BUSINESS LEADERS FORUM

In Association with International Business Leaders Forum



2024 EVENT CALENDAR*



December 2023 – January 2024, online Annual Responsible Business Awards Nominations

Bulgaria's [top corporate social responsibility, sustainability and diversity contest](#) champions companies with a purpose and their impact on people, nature and the community. The Awards are an outstanding opportunity for businesses to share their successful social good campaigns, get recognized for best practice in sustainability and boost their corporate citizenship reputation. The competition enables companies to showcase their ESG policies

and get recognized for their corporate excellence. All businesses are eligible regardless of size, industry and BBLF membership, and entry remains free of charge.



MEET BBLF SUCCESS: INFORMATION SECURITY CYBER INSURANCE

Wednesday, 10 January 2024
11:00-12:00 hrs., ZOOM

10 January 2024, online Meet BBLF Success: AAM Consulting, Mussala Insurance Broker Bulgaria

The first webinar in 2024 will dwell on **information security** in view of its growing importance to businesses in safeguarding their networks, preventing data breaches and maintaining the trust of their customers. The event is a beneficial collaboration

between two of our member companies, industry-leaders with professional expertise and profound experience. Join us to enhance your information security strategy, learn about current trends in prevention of potential cyber threats, and cyber insurance as a way of protecting your business.



12 January 2024, IBM Diversity Communication Lab, Part 2

The [Bulgarian Diversity Charter](#) organises another event for specialists in the field of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI), professional training and communication experts, corporate managers and NGOs. The Lab is held as the next stage of the NICE programme, and its main objective is to discuss in detail and test training modules in

neutral and inclusive communication while sharing knowledge, experience & best practice. The results will contribute to the development of practical exercises, including case studies, common communication mistakes, and guidance for real-life situations in the workplace.



February 2024, Schwarz IT Introducing New Members

The event will welcome new members of BBLF, the responsible business community, and their top executives. Held at the start of the new year, the cocktail aims to introduce newcomers to the BBLF: companies that joined the Forum over the last 6 months. In addition, members old and new get together to share views and contacts.



19 March 2024, Sofia Balkan Palace 2023 Annual Responsible Business Awards Ceremony

The high-profile prize-giving [ceremony](#) of the Annual Responsible Business Awards, this country's most prestigious corporate social responsibility, sustainability and diversity contest traditionally gathers CEOs, senior public sector officials, respected NGOs, foreign diplomats and the media. All entries in the individual categories are briefly presented, and the companies ranked first, second and third by the independent expert jury receive their

prizes and certificates from senior members of the executive. The event is followed by a networking cocktail.



April 2024, online Diversity in the Workplace Best Practice Webinar

Diversity in the Workplace category winners in the 2023 Annual Responsible Business Awards will present their successful diversity campaigns. The

[webinar](#) is part of the EU Diversity Month and will focus on sharing best corporate practice on building diverse teams and providing inclusive workplaces.



April 2024 Meet BBLF Success: Hilton Sofia

BBLF will visit member companies in the region of Plovdiv to encourage sharing of knowledge and experience and to foster business collaborations. The BBLF community will be visiting Hilton Sofia to get familiar with the new amenities and innovations following the recent large-scale renovation. The event is also designed to foster business collaborations.



May 2024

Bulgarian Diversity Charter: official signing ceremony

The high-profile event is meant to promote the [Bulgarian Diversity Charter](#) to all stakeholders from the public, private and NGO sector. Companies that have signed the Bulgarian Diversity Charter in 2023 will receive their membership certificates and will be able to meet and network. The ceremony is part of the EU Diversity Month.



**May 2024, Grand Hotel Sofia
Annual General Meeting**

The regular [general meeting](#) will approve of BBLF's annual reports and elect Management Board members. All member companies will be invited to attend, cast their vote and network at the cocktail that follows the formal part.



June 2024

Eighth Annual BBLF-Ambassadors Meeting

A [round-table discussion](#) on current affairs that is held annually in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and a foreign Ambassador. The exclusive high-profile event provides a platform for dialogue of businesses, policy makers and the diplomatic community on steps to boost Bulgaria's economic and social climate.



September 2024

Meet BBLF Success: TBC

Our latest project, Meet BBLF Success, seeks to present the inspiring success stories of our member companies in all sectors: their entrepreneurship, development, achievements, innovations and best CSR practice. The initiative also aims to foster contacts and business collaborations within BBLF.



September 2024 Introducing New Members

The event will welcome new members of BBLF, the responsible business community, and their top executives. Held at the start of the new year, the cocktail aims to introduce newcomers to the BBLF: companies that joined the Forum over the last 6 months. In addition, members old and new get together to share views and contacts.



October 2024 Inspirational Leaders Charity Auction

The [annual event](#) will again bring together celebrities and business leaders to support quality education for every child, the mission of Teach for Bulgaria. During the auction, the guests from the private sector have the opportunity to bid for two hours of the time of popular individuals. All proceeds will be invested in the training, development and support of Teach for Bulgaria programme teachers.



November 2024 Meet BBLF Success: TBC

BBLF community will visit a member company to share knowledge and experience and foster business collaborations.

Neutral and Inclusive
Communication in
Corporate Environments



December 2024 NICE Programme Results – Launch ceremony

BBLF community will visit a member company to share knowledge and experience and foster business collaborations.

The event will launch the outcome of the programme NICE (Neutral and Inclusive Communication in Corporate Environments). It is a collaborative action between Diversity Charters from Cyprus, Greece, Bulgaria, Lithuania, and Romania and is co-funded

by The Citizens, Equality, Rights and Value programme (CERV) of the European Union. The goal of NICE is to improve diversity management strategies by incorporating inclusive and neutral communication policies. The event will launch innovative training and capacity building modules to help companies tackle diversity intolerance and discrimination in the workplace.

**The calendar is subject to change. For details: 02/986 5202, office@bblf.bg.*