



**COUNTRY** Bulgaria  
**CASE STUDY CODE** Bulgaria\_Good Practice\_O.10\_02

**MAIN INFORMATION**

**Title** Public Law and Citizen Participation

**Location** Sofia, Bulgaria

**Responsible Authority** "St. Kliment" Sofia University

**Link** <https://phls.uni-sofia.bg/en/degree-programmes/bachelor-progr/public-administration/>

**Keywords** Civic education initiative, non-formal education, cross-border cooperation

**IDENTIFICATION**

<b>Type</b>	Case (plan, program, project etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Stakeholders involved</b>	Public institutions	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Method / Tool	<input type="checkbox"/>		Private sector	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>		Civil society organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Legal framework	<input type="checkbox"/>		Knowledge institutions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Other <input type="text" value="Course"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Public or grassroots movements	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Policy field</b>	Urban planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Timeline</b>	Other <input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Mobility	<input type="checkbox"/>		Start date	<input type="text"/>
	Tourism	<input type="checkbox"/>		End date	<input type="text"/>
	Other <input type="text" value="Law"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		On going	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Completed	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Spatial level</b>	National	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Limited	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Regional	<input type="checkbox"/>	Repeated overtime	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Local	<input type="checkbox"/>			



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## CONTENT AND RESULTS

### **Purpose and context**

The course “Public Law and Citizen Participation” is offered as an elective course in the eight semester of the Bachelor programme “Public Administration”. It presents the relationship between the implementation of governance in the constitutional state and the participation of citizens in this process. The forms of direct democracy, participatory democracy and deliberative democracy are discussed. Separate attention is paid to the models of interaction of the administration with the structures of civil society in the process of elaboration of normative acts by the legislative and executive power - procedure of public consultations, participation in public councils and working groups, proposals and petitions of citizens, citizens' initiative. The forms of direct democracy are also studied – such as the national and local referendum on citizens' initiative, national and local citizens' initiative.

### **Problems and challenges**

### **Organizing, Supporting and Funding Entities**

### **Process (including participant recruitment/selection) and Interaction/Participation (including methods/tools) used**

### **Outcomes, Effects and Lessons Learned**

### **Bibliography**

Programme website: <https://phls.uni-sofia.bg/en/degree-programmes/bachelor-progr/public-administration/>



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