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Deputy Minister Karina Angelieva and Prof. Anastas Gerdzhikov officially launched the SCHOLARNET project

In the spirit of the National Enlighteners' Day, the SCHOLARNET project was officially launched. The project, which is part of the framework of the 'European Research Networks' National Research Programme, is going to be implemented by the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration at 'St. Kliment Ohridski' Sofia University in cooperation with the project partners [Universitete Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines](#) and [Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg](#).

The public event was attended by Prof. Anastas Gerdzhikov, Rector of 'St. Kliment Ohridski' Sofia University, Mrs. Karina Angelieva, Deputy Minister of Education, and research and project partners. The online event was hosted by the Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration at Sofia University - Assoc. Prof. Atanas Georgiev, who is also the SCHOLARNET project leader.

Prof. Gerdzhikov presented the SCHOLARNET project in the context of Sofia University's strategic goals aimed at strengthening research capacity and expanding and maintaining long-term international partnerships with leading research institutes. The Deputy Minister of Education and Science, Mrs. Karina Angelieva, presented the 'European Research Networks' National Research Programme and acknowledged the importance of initiatives which focus on the modernization and strengthening of the capacity of higher education institutions. Mrs. Angelieva was pleased with the fact that grants are going to be allocated to projects in the field of Humanities which will allow for a better understanding and a more in-depth analysis of various social processes.

'The project is relevant to EU policies'-that was the beginning of the brief statement delivered by Prof. Albena Vutsova. She underlined the result-oriented project approach and its synergy with other EU and national programs - Horizon 2020, Horizon Europe, Erasmus+, and the 'Young Scholars' National Programme. Assoc. Prof. Todor Yalamov, a Deputy Dean, presented the main areas in which economics and business research is being carried out by the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration. Partners from foreign universities participated in the official event as well. Prof. Stella Raytcheva from Universitete Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines expressed her delight that a long-term partnership with the Sofia University will be established through this project.

The main goal of the SCHOLARNET project is to make the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration at 'St. Kliment Ohridski' Sofia University a national reference research center in the field of economics and management research, as well as to contribute to the implementation of the objectives of the 2014 - 2020 National Smart Specialization Innovation Strategy of the Republic of Bulgaria. The project sets ambitious goals towards young scholars. A PhD students' panel session will be organized at the end of November as part of the 'Just and SMART Transitions: New Deals, Markets and Governance' International Research Conference. The topics for discussion include the Green Deal, the Transition to Economy 4.0, innovations in the public sector. The conference also envisages a special forum dedicated to some of project tasks. The first issue of a new 'Economic Boundaries and Transformations' scientific journal is going to be published by the end of the year.