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# MEETING IN GREECE ATHENS, 16-19 OCTOBER 2013

„GOING AROUND THE CITY – CITY BY SENIORS' EYES”

GABROVO



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# GABROVO – the geographical centre of Bulgaria





Gabrovo is a town with unique history.





# History - Quick economic growth and national revival



# Geographic features

Gabrovo municipality is situated in the central part of Republic of Bulgaria





# Population, area, climate

The population of Gabrovo municipality numbers 76 239 people.  
Gabrovo town is **233.817 km<sup>2</sup>**



The climate in the region is temperate continental, characterized by cold winters and relatively warm summers.



# Industrial zones

There are three industrial zones established in Gabrovo: North, South and West.





# HOUSE OF HUMOUR AND SATIRE

This Museum is an unique cultural institute for humorous and satiric art of international and worldwide significance. Under the motto 'The world has survived because it has laughed' the house develops versatile activities - it is a museum of laughter, a gallery of the world humorous art, an informational centre, a place for entertainment, as well as a tourist attraction both for the old and the young.





Works of authors from 153 countries are exhibited in 10 halls with an area of 8000 square metres.  
The House collects and popularizes the humour and the satire from all over Bulgaria.



# EMANOUIL MANOLOV HOUSE OF CULTURE





# RACHO STOYANOV DRAMA THEATRE



# ETAR ARCHITECTURAL AND ETHNOGRAPHIC COMPLEX

AEC 'Etar' is the only ethnographic museum on the Balkan Peninsula, which is located in the open air. It was established in 1964.









# BOZHENTSI ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL RESERVE

This little village with its nearly 600-year old history has preserved the authentic atmosphere, spirit and architecture of the Bulgarian Revival.

High stone walls, oak entry doors with forged iron accessories, narrow cobbled streets, stone fountains and bridges and small workshops add to the unique atmosphere





The old houses in Bozhentsi were built in the 18th, 19th century, but they still keep their ancient appearance and valuable architectural and ethnographical monuments from the period of the Bulgarian Renaissance.



# NATIONAL MUSEUM OF EDUCATION











# THE TOWN'S CLOCK TOWER



It is located on the square named 'May 1st 1876' and is 27, 70 m. high. As a model of the Bulgarian Revival Architecture, the tower dates as far back as 1835. The bell was imported from Vienna. The clock face and hands were not installed until the Liberation from Turkish Yoke in 1878.



# DECHKOV'S HOUSE













# Memorial of Racho Kovacha









# 'The Yoke' Bridge







# Kostenkovtsi





# UZANA – CENTER OF BULGARIA







# GRADISHTE



An impressive basilica once stood on top of the highest point of the plateau. From there, now you can enjoy the breath-taking panoramic view of Gabrovo. Gradishte area is a medieval fortress wall, which is situated 3 km from Gabrovo and offers a unique overall view of the whole town. The ruins of the Gradishte fortress are remains from a huge complex.

# 'BULGARKA' (Bulgarian Woman) NATURAL PARK

















# SOKOLSKI MONASTERY















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