



**33rd BETA Annual International Conference
and
3rd Regional Central and Eastern Europe FIPLV Congress**
„Language Education: Expanding Perspectives, Enriching Practices“
11th-13th September 2026, Sofia, Bulgaria

FIRST CALL



DEAR COLLEAGUES,

We are delighted to extend our warm invitation to you for the 33rd BETA Annual International Conference and 3rd Regional Central and Eastern Europe FIPLV Congress. Hosted by the Bulgarian English Teachers' Association (BETA), in collaboration with FIPLV (Fédération Internationale des Professeurs de Langues Vivantes), and the University of National and World Economy, this joint event will be held in Sofia, the beautiful capital city of Bulgaria, from 11th to 13th September 2026.

The prestigious event will bring together educators representing diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds, fostering meaningful dialogue and collaboration towards advancing language education worldwide. It aims to inspire and motivate language teachers to make the most of the teaching and learning contexts they work in, and to exploit the potential of various innovative and collaborative practices in all areas of ELT, ESP, modern languages education and research. The official languages of the event will include Bulgarian, English and German **with presentations and workshops in the working languages, but contributions related to modern languages are more than welcome.**

We would like to provide you with the opportunity to share your experience, expertise and insights into the fascinating world of language teaching and research. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to *Teaching Young Learners and Teenagers; Teaching ESP/LSP; Teacher Education and Development; Bilingual Education; Literature, Media & Cultural Studies in ELT/Language Teaching; Global Issues; Content and Language Integrated Learning; Blended Learning; Applied linguistics; Research; Testing, Evaluation and Assessment.*

Internationally prominent professionals in the field of ELT and modern languages education are invited as keynote speakers and workshop leaders. A book exhibition of major publishers and service providers will accompany the conference.

KEY DETAILS

SPEAKER PROPOSAL DEADLINE: 30th June 2026. For speaker proposal forms, accommodation and other details visit <https://forms.gle/83Gv3MScHdTCEuRw7>

and check <http://www.beta-iatefl.org>

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Important dates

Notification of acceptance: 30th July

Submission of papers: 31st October

Publication of conference proceedings in a special issue of BETA E-Newsletter: 31st December

Submission requirements:

<https://www.beta-iatefl.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/BETA-E-Newsletter-issue-42.pdf>.

FEES

Participants registration	Early bird (until 31st July)	Regular fee
BETA members and Bulgarian teachers	60 €	80 €
FIPLV members	80 €	100 €
Non-BETA & FIPLV	100 €	120 €

***Fees of foreign participants: payment will be made on-site to avoid heavy bank fees. The early bird rate will be applicable for those who have registered by 31st July and the regular rate – for those who register after 31st July. Only participants who need an invoice will have to pay by**

bank transfer with the transfer expenses covered by them. *Presenters must pay their fees by 31st July.

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Venue: The University of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria

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We very much look forward to seeing you in Sofia.

Kind regards,
The Conference and Congress Organising Committee