

# **GENERAL AND PRACTICAL INFORMATION**

Digital rebirth of historical datasets

Financial archives workshop

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Monetary unions in history

Financial history conference

*jointly organised by the Bulgarian National Bank and  
the European Association for Banking and Financial History (eabh) e.V.*

(30 June - 1 July 2022, Sofia)

## **1. VENUE OF THE EVENTS**

The conference and the workshop will take place at the Hyatt Regency Sofia Hotel, Vasil Levski Hall (Vasil Levski Square, 1504 Sofia).

The hospitality desk in the lobby will give you a badge upon arrival.

Participants will not be admitted to the venue and social programme events without the badge. Any loss of a badge must be reported immediately at the hospitality desk.

## **2. CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP LANGUAGE**

The language of the events is English. No interpretations services will be offered.

## **3. VISA REQUIREMENTS AND COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**

It is advisable that prior to your trip you check the visa regulations for entering Bulgaria.

For details, please visit the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria: <https://www.mfa.bg/en/services-travel/consular-services/travel-bulgaria/visa-bulgaria>

As of 1 May 2022, all COVID-19 travel restrictions are lifted. From this date, the arriving passengers are no longer obliged to provide COVID-19 related documents (i.e. vaccination certificates, recovery certificates and medical examinations) in order to be allowed to enter Bulgaria.

Additional information can be found at <https://www.mfa.bg/en/customnews/main/24737>

## **4. TRANSPORTATION**

From the Sofia airport there are 3 modes of transportation to the city center – metro, public busses and taxis. More information is available here: <https://sofia-airport.eu/en/access/>

In case you decide to take a taxi to the Hyatt Regency Sofia Hotel please make sure that you use the services of the taxi operator *OK Supertrans*.

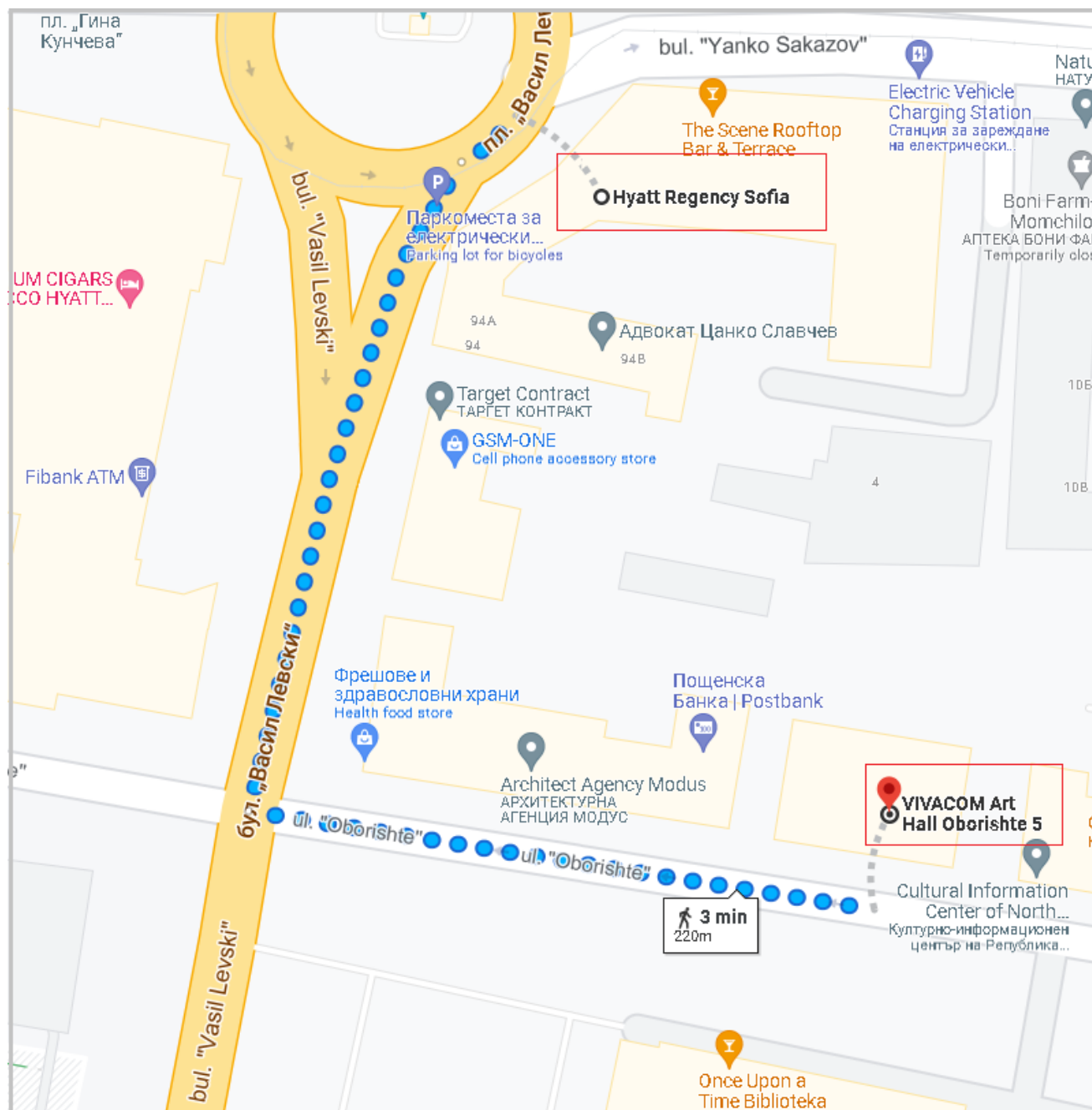
Should you wish to use public transportation from the airport to the hotel (and vice versa) please note that:

- *Sofia University Metro Station* is the nearest stop to Hyatt Regency Sofia. From the station, the hotel can be reached in 6 minutes walking (450 m);
- *Eagle's Bridge Bus Stop* is within a 9-minute walk (750 m) from the hotel.

You can find further information about the public transport in Sofia at [Urban Mobility Centre \(sofiatraffic.bg\)](http://sofiatraffic.bg).

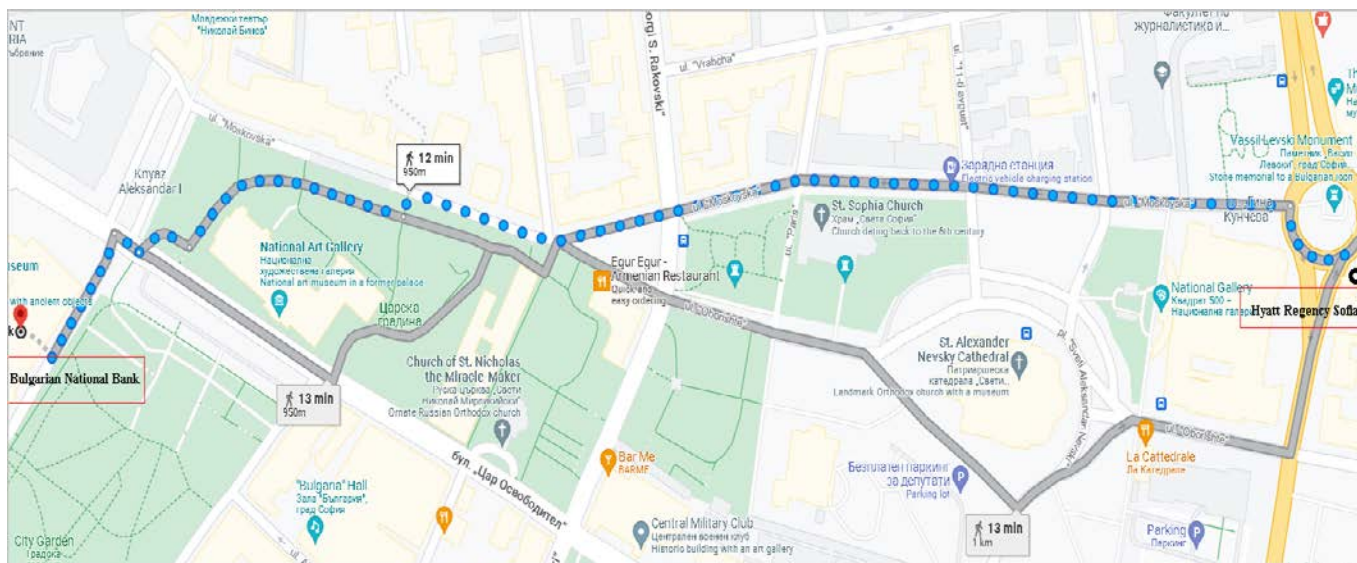
## 5. SOCIAL EVENTS

On Thursday, 30 June 2022, we invite all conference and workshop participants to an official dinner starting at 20:00 at Vivacom Art Hall, 5 Oborishte Str. The dinner venue is 220 m from the Hyatt Regency Sofia Hotel.



On Friday, 1 July 2022, a social programme for partners will be organised – a sightseeing walking tour of Sofia (meeting point: the lobby of Hyatt Regency Sofia Hotel, 10:00 a.m.). In the evening of 1 July 2022 all conference and workshop participants and their partners are invited to a cocktail starting at

19:00 on the BNB premises, where the BNB building and museum collection can be seen. Below you will find a map of the route between the hotel and the BNB building.



## 6. MEANS OF PAYMENT

The currency of Bulgaria is the Bulgarian Lev (BGN). No payments in other currencies are accepted. Foreign currencies can be exchanged in commercial banks and exchange bureaus. All major credit cards are widely accepted.

The BGN is fixed to the Euro at the rate of 1.95583 BGN for 1 Euro. The exchange rate of the BGN against other foreign currencies can be found on the website of the Bulgarian National Bank: <http://www.bnb.bg>.

## 7. COUNTRY CODE

Country dialling code is +359; Sofia dialling code is (0)2.

## 8. EMERGENCY CALLS

112 is a common emergency telephone number that can be dialed free of charge in order to reach emergency services (ambulance, fire and rescue, police).

## 9. POWER SUPPLY

220V  $\pm$ 10% electrical supply. Supply frequency is 50Hz. Plug socket in use is the two-pinned Type F, also known as "Schuko".

## 10. WEATHER

Summer temperatures vary between 25<sup>0</sup>C and 35<sup>0</sup>C. Please check the weather forecast before arrival.

## **11. LOCAL TIME**

GMT/UTC + 02:00 hours.

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