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Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye in Bulgaria

INVITATION FOR TÜRKİYE'S PARTICIPATION IN HELLO SPACE | BULGARIA CALLING 2027

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Atlantic Club of Bulgaria and the National Space & STEAM Cluster, it is my great pleasure to invite the Embassy of the Republic of Türkiye to explore opportunities for cooperation and Turkish participation in HELLO SPACE | Bulgaria Calling 2027, Bulgaria's leading Space & STEAM youth festival.

Following six successful editions, HELLO SPACE has established itself as an international platform bringing together young people, astronauts, scientists, engineers, educational institutions and innovative companies from around the world. Across its first six editions, the festival has achieved:

- More than 23 million people reached through traditional and online media, including broadcasts on NASA TV;
- Over 2,000 in-person participants each year;
- Dozens of astronauts, scientists, engineers and innovators from around the world contributing to the festival programme.

In 2027, HELLO SPACE will take place in Plovdiv on 23-25 April and in Sofia on 11-12 June. We would be particularly honoured to welcome Türkiye as a distinguished international partner, highlighting its achievements and growing contributions to space exploration, science, technology and innovation.

In this regard, we would greatly appreciate the Embassy's consideration of the following opportunities:

1. **Participation of a Turkish astronaut.** We would be delighted to welcome a Turkish astronaut as a distinguished guest, inspiring young audiences through first-hand experience of space exploration. The Embassy's guidance in establishing contacts and exploring possible arrangements for such a visit would be invaluable.

2. **A dedicated "Turkish Corner".** We propose an exhibition space showcasing Türkiye's achievements in space science, technological innovation and education, with interactive exhibits and demonstrations for young visitors, educators and families.

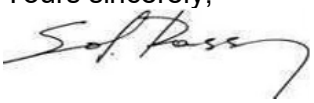
3. **Engagement of Turkish companies and scientific institutions.** We would welcome the Embassy's assistance in connecting us with Turkish businesses, universities, research organisations and potential exhibitors interested in presenting their innovations at the festival.

We believe that a strong Turkish presence would provide an excellent opportunity to showcase Türkiye's scientific and technological achievements to thousands of young people and families, while strengthening Bulgarian-Turkish cooperation in education, innovation and space exploration.

Our immediate priority is the Plovdiv edition in April 2027, marking the festival's first expansion beyond Sofia. We would be pleased to explore further cooperation for the Sofia edition following the April event.

We would be most grateful for the Embassy's consideration of this invitation and remain at your disposal for additional information and further correspondence. We sincerely hope to welcome Türkiye as a valued international partner of HELLO SPACE 2027.

Yours sincerely,



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Co-Chair, the Space & STEAM Atlantic Cluster

Former:

- Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria (2001–2005)
- Signatory to NATO and EU Accession Treaties
- Chairman of the UN Security Council
- OSCE Chairman-in-Office
- Chair of the Parliamentary Committees on Defence and Foreign Affairs
- Signatory to the Democratic Constitution of the Republic of Bulgaria