



PRESS RELEASE

By the Organising Committee of the
QED'17 UNESCO International Conference
"Children in the Digital Age"

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*Parallel sessions in the EC Representation in Bulgaria (Home of Europe),
Sofia City Library and Municipality of Sofia (Tarjestvena Hall, 33, Moskovska Street)*

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We are pleased to invite you to the **QED'17 UNESCO International Conference "Children in the Digital Age"**, which will be held on 20-21 September 2017 in Sofia.

*The event is held under the patronage of the **National Commission for UNESCO – Bulgaria**, of **Mariya Gabriel**, Commissioner for the Digital Economy and Society, and **Eva Maydel**, member of the European Parliament, of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection (IMCO).*

QED (Quality in Education) is held since 2011 after each **EDUsummit**, presenting the outcomes of the global forum to enhance positive impact on the education systems at local, regional and international levels. QED is traditionally **hosted by the University of Library Studies and Information Technologies (ULSIT)** which is a unique (in a Bulgarian context) research and educational interdisciplinary center integrating studies in the library science, digital technologies, cultural and historical heritage. The organiser is the UNESCO Interfaculty Chair *ICT in Library Studies, Education and Cultural Heritage* at ULSIT. **QED'17** is co-organised by: Sofia Development Association, Sofia City Library and the UNESCO Institute for Information Technologies in Education, seated in Moscow. The event is held with the financial support of Science Research Fund of the Ministry of Education and Science, and the sponsorship of: TELELINK, Kontrax, Identrics, Stemo, HP Partner First and Reisswolf. The Conference's **Partners** are: Ministry of Education and Science, EC Representation in Bulgaria, Bulgarian Industrial Association, British Council – Bulgaria, Institute of Mathematics and Informatics of the Bulgarian Academy of Science, Law and Internet Foundation, Sofia Knowledge City and WebIT-festival.

The topic of **QED'17** is **Children in the Digital Age**, which is an upgrade of the **"Children in the Information Age" initiative** started in Bulgaria 32 years ago.

This year the participants in EDUsummit'17 "Rethinking Learning in the Digital Age" (18-20 September 2017, Borovets) will join the conference QED'17, where a special session will be dedicated to sharing the outcomes from the work of the global forum thematic groups (21 Septemebr 2017, 10.00-13.00, EC Representation in Bulgaria (Home of Europe) in Sofia). The leaders of the thematic groups are distinguished policy-makers, educators, researchers and representatives of the corporate and IT sector from across the world.

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