

BSEC MONTH OF CULTURE 2018

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<u>Russia</u>

The Novodevichy Convent, built in the 16th and 17th centuries in #Moscow, is an example of the highest accomplishments of #Russian architecture and is inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage List.

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<u>Serbia</u>

A Serbian national treasure cake based on walnuts, chocolate and orange, covered with fluffy meringue cream.

Next time you are in Serbia you should definitely try Vasina Torta!

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<u>Bulgaria</u>

Can you write a book using only verbs?

One of the most famous contemporary Bulgarian authors, Georgi Gospodinov, provides an answer in his 'Natural novel' ('Естествен роман').

Published in 21 languages, the book received international recognition highlighted with the reviews from The New Yorker, The Guardian and Le Courrier.



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Interested in learning more about the fascinating culture of the BSEC Member States?

Join the BSEC Month of Culture, organised by the ICBSS from 1-30 November 2018 and learn about the remarkable and rich cultural heritage of the BSEC region.

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About the BSEC Month of Culture:

On the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of the International Centre for Black Sea Studies, the ICBSS is launching the 2nd **"BSEC Month of Culture"**, **a month long programme of cultural highlights from the 12 BSEC Member States** (Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine).

Being aware of the rich, diverse cultural heritage of the BSEC region, **the ICBSS launches the 2nd "BSEC Month of Culture"**, from 1st **to 30**th **November 2018**, with the aim to promote the cultural identity of the region and enhance its visibility to the wider public.

The programme will feature online tributes on *literature*, *music*, *theatre & performance art*, *painting/sculpting*, *monuments* and *gastronomy*, including short videos and photos.

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About the ICBSS: The International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) was founded in 1998 as a non-profit organisation. It has since fulfilled a dual function. On the one hand, it is an independent research and training institution focusing on the wider Black Sea region. On the other hand, it is a related body of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) and serves as its acknowledged think-tank. Thus, the ICBSS pursues applied, policy-oriented research, promotes knowledge on the Black Sea region both within and outside its boundaries, and offers policy advice with the aim to foster multilateral cooperation among the BSEC member states as well as with their international partners.

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