

# Background of Bulgarian participation in the ISSP

Since 1992 Bulgaria has been represented in the ISSP with its National Coordinator – Dr. Lilia Dimova – currently the leader of the Think Tank organization Agency for Social Analyses (ASA), established in 1994. From 1992 to 1994 the national representative in the ISSP was the Sociological department of the Institute of Trade Union and Social Research (ITYSR). After the transformation of the ITUSR, the team of the Sociological department under the leadership of Dr. Dimova established the ACA, which continued to act as the Bulgarian national representative in the ISSP and as such successfully completed 19 ISSP modules for the period from 1994 to 2013. In 2014 *Консорциум ESS ERIC-Bulgaria* was established aiming to guarantee the Bulgarian membership in the ISSP and the ESS. In 2019 the Consortium involves six scientific organisations of different type:



University of National and World Economy (WNWE) – leading body



Institute for Studies of Societies and Knowledge at the Bulgarian Academy of Science (ISSK)



Agency for Social Analyses (ASA)



Union of Bulgarian Economists (UBE)



Bulgaria Sociological Association (BSA)



National Statistical Institute (NSI)