

To the participants in the Seminar of ECNAIS

To Ms Milka Slavcheva  
Chairwoman of the Bulgarian Association of Private Schools

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Dear Ms Slavcheva,

I have the pleasure to congratulate you that our capital city Sofia is a host of the meeting of the European Council of National Associations of Independent Schools.

In our global world the cooperation between the national associations of independent schools provides opportunity for exchange of ideas, helps launching educational initiatives and projects. The awareness of different European practices and educational systems, the support of the interests of the children, the disputes about the new tendencies in the European education stimulate the right of pluralism and parents' choice concerning the children's education in a modern democratic society.

The forum provides opportunities for teachers and heads of schools to publicly share and discuss ideas and good practices, to think about up-to-date problems and formulate policies aiming their solutions.

I believe that education nowadays acquires its place in the development of Europe as future is built through education and the investments in it will come back through the realization of the young in the field of economics and spiritual life.

I wish you personal and professional success.

Yordanka Fandakova  
Mayor of Sofia