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## BULLETIN

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**Chepelare – BULGARIA**

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- BULGARIAN ORIENTEERING FEDERATION
- ORIENTEERING CLUB "NSA-SIVEN"
- MUNICIPALITY OF CHEPELARE

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**Chepelare**  
EUROPEAN TOWN OF SPORT  
**2022**



Dear ski orienteering fans and competitors from near and far,

Chepelare is a small town nestled in the Rhodopes, known primarily as a ski resort with undoubtedly one of the best centers for winter sports in Bulgaria. The proximity of the ski area Pamporovo (only 10 km), the presence of the ski area Mechi Chal are a prerequisite for this. Here you can practice winter sports, tourism and enjoy the unique nature of the Rhodopes. Today Chepelare is a sports center for biathlon, snowboarding, alpine skiing. The town has luxury spa hotels and other accommodations, shops and many national restaurants where you can to enjoy the unique Rhodope cuisine. In Chepelare you can visit the only ski museum in Europe, as well as our world's largest ski factory. We also have a unique museum of the Rhodope karst. We are proud that the first Bulgarian champion of the Winter Olympic Games - biathlete Ekaterina Dafovska, 1998 Winter Olympics champion in Nagano, was born here and began her sports career in ski orienteering in our town. Our small town will send three athletes to the upcoming Winter Olympics - winner of the snowboard world cup Radoslav Yankov and biathletes Dimitar Gerdjikov and Anton Sinapov. For these reasons, and perhaps more, Chepelare officially received the title of "European City of Sport 2022" in the "town" category up to 10,000 inhabitants after an in-depth study by the Association of European Cities and Capitals of Sport - ACES. We are waiting for you to discover the unique nature and explore the opportunities for adventures in Chepelare!

**Boran Hadjiev**  
**Mayor of Chepelare Municipality**

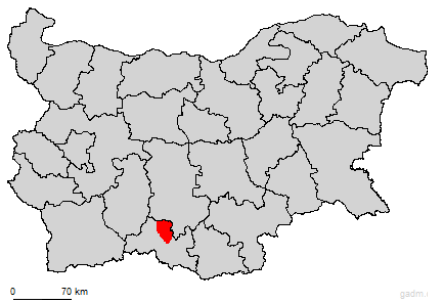


**Dear ski orienteering friends,**

It is a high responsibility and pleasure for Bulgarian Orienteering Federation to organize the European Ski Orienteering Championship and the accompanying WMSOC. We have traditions in organizing ski orienteering events of the highest rank and it is no coincidence that the areas for this championship are in the heart of our beautiful Rhodope Mountains. I hope and believe the championships will meet the high requirements of all ski orienteers and for good weather conditions contributing to the competitions. I would like to wish successful starts for all athletes, good luck for the organizers and pleasant competitions for the spectators. On behalf of the Bulgarian Orienteering Federation, I warmly welcome all athletes, coaches and spectators.

**Kostadin Novakov**  
**Chairman of Bulgarian Orienteering Federation**

## VENUE



Chepelare is the principal town in Chepelare Municipality, part of Smolyan Province in Southern Bulgaria. It is situated in the central part of the Rhodopes, on the banks of Chepelare River. It is located near Pamporovo, one of the biggest Bulgarian ski resorts.

The town is known for the only ski and snowboard factory in the Balkan Peninsula. The factory cooperates with the ski brand Atomic Skis. Chepelare is also the birthplace of biathlete Ekaterina Dafovska, Bulgaria's only Winter Olympics gold medal winner. The local Sports School provides good conditions for young winter athletes. Chepelare is located 70 km from Plovdiv and 210 km from Sofia.

### **Event Centre – Hotel “Borika” – Chepelare**

[GPS: 41.720573, 24.678269](#)



### **Competition Area – Haidushki polyani – 25 km from the EC**

[GPS: 41.69144, 24.82812](#)





## PROGRAMME

	ESOC/WCUP	WMSOC
<i>January 20</i> Thursday	Arrival	
<i>January 21</i> Friday	Arrival/Model Event	Arrival
<i>January 22</i> Saturday	<b>Sprint</b>	Arrival/Model Event
<i>January 23</i> Sunday	<b>Sprint relay</b>	<b>Sprint</b>
<i>January 24</i> Monday	<b>Middle</b>	<b>Middle</b>
<i>January 25</i> Tuesday	Rest day	Rest day
<i>January 26</i> Wednesday	<b>Long – mass start</b>	<b>Long</b>
<i>January 27</i> Thursday	<b>Relay/Banquet</b>	Departure/Banquet
<i>January 28</i> Friday	Departure	Departure

## DETAILED PROGRAMME

### Thu 20.1.2022

14:00 – 21:00	Event office is open – accreditation	Event centre
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### Fri 21.1.2022

09:00 – 21:00	Event office is open – accreditation	Event centre
10:00 – 16:00	Model event	Kartola
12:00	Deadline for entries (Sprint - ESOC)	
19:00	Team leaders meeting (Sprint relay & Sprint)	EC/online

### Sat 22.1.2022

09:00 – 21:00	Event office is open	Event centre
11:00	<b>Sprint</b> ESOC	Haydushki polyani
10:00 – 16:00	Model event (WMSOC)	Kartola
12:00	Deadline for entries (Sprint relay & Sprint)	
17:30	<b>Opening ceremony</b>	Chepelare

### Sun 23.1.2022

10:00	<b>Sprint relay</b> - ESOC	Haydushki polyani
12:00	Deadline for entries (Middle)	
12:30	<b>Sprint</b> - WMSOC	Haydushki polyani
19:00	Team leaders meeting (Middle)	EC/online

### Mon 24.1.2022

10:00	<b>Middle</b> – ESOC	Haydushki polyani
13:30	<b>Middle</b> – WMSOC	Haydushki polyani

### Tue 25.1.2022

10:00 – 16:00	Event office is open	Event centre
12:00	Deadline for entries (Long)	
17:00	Prize giving ceremony	Chepelare
19:00	Team leaders meeting (Long, Relay)	EC/online

### Wed 26.1.2022

10:00	<b>Long</b> – ESOC	Haydushki polyani
12:00	Deadline for entries (Relay)	
13:00	<b>Long</b> – WMSOC	Haydushki polyani

### Thu 27.1.2022

11:00	<b>Relay</b> – ESOC	Haidushki polyani
17:00	Prize giving and <b>closing ceremony</b>	Chepelare
20:00	Banquet	Chepelare

### Fri 28.1.2022

09:00 – 12:00	Event office is open	Event centre
→	Departure	

## CLASSES AND PARTICIPATION RESTRICTIONS

- **ESOC/WORLD CUP (M/W 21):**

- Individual competitions: a federation may enter up to 6 men and 6 women. In addition to the number of participants entered for the Men/Women (6+6) every federation may enter up to two U23 women and two U23 men

- Relay: max 2 male teams and 2 female teams, each consisting of 3 competitors.

- Sprint relay: max 3 teams, each consisting of 2 competitors.

If a federation is represented by two or more teams in a relay class, only the best-placed team will count in the results list.

The current European champion of the distance shall be given a wild card for the red group in addition to the ordinary entries from his/her federation.

Only competitors representing member federations of the IOF, defined by the International Olympic Committee as belonging to the European continent, can compete in ESOC. Competitors representing other member federations of the IOF are able to participate in ESOC, but will not be eligible for European titles, medals or diplomas.

- **U23 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

U23 competitors are Elite athletes who are up to and including 23 years old. They compete in Women/Men and shall be ranked in both the U23 World Cup and the Elite World Cup as well as the U23 World Championships and the ESOC.

In addition to the number of participants entered for the Men/Women (6+6) every federation may enter up to two U23 women and two U23 men.

- **WMSOC: (M/W 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, M90)**

Open for everybody and the class depends on the age.

- **Long distance:** Single race event with random start order.

- **Middle distance:** Single race event with random start order.

- **Sprint distance:** Single race event with random start order.

Medals are awarded in long distance, middle distance, and sprint distance events (three sets of medals).

## ENTRIES

### **ESOC/WORLD CUP – Preliminary team size entries:**

Deadline for preliminary number of competitors and team officials is 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (online entry via [IOF Eventor](#)).

### **ESOC/WORLD CUP – Final name entries:**

Deadline for entries with names of the competitors and team officials is 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (online entry via [IOF Eventor](#)).

### **WMSOC entries:**

Last deadline for entries is 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 (online entry via [IOF Eventor](#)).

Deadline 1 – 11 November 2021 – 120 EUR

Deadline 2 – 30 November 2021 – 150 EUR

Deadline 3 – 31 December 2021 – 180 EUR

## ENTRY FEES AND ACCREDITATION FEES

Accreditation – competitors – ESOC	5 January 2022	– 40 EUR
	After 5 January 2022	– 50 EUR
Accreditation – team officials – ESOC	5 January 2022	– 50 EUR
	After 5 January 2022	– 60 EUR
Individual competition – ESOC	5 January 2022	– 45 EUR
	After 5 January 2022	– 55 EUR
Relay (per team) – ESOC	5 January 2022	– 120 EUR
	After 5 January 2022	– 160 EUR
Sprint relay (per team) – ESOC	5 January 2022	– 80 EUR
	After 5 January 2022	– 90 EUR
Entry fee – WMSOC	11 November 2021	– 120 EUR
	30 November 2021	– 150 EUR
	31 December 2021	– 180 EUR
Banquet	5 January 2022	– 30 EUR
	After 5 January 2022	– 40 EUR
Accreditation – media	5 January 2022	– 40 EUR
	After 5 January 2022	– 50 EUR

## ACCOMMODATION

Borika is a 4-star hotel in Chepelare that offers a spa area, an indoor pool, and a restaurant. All rooms at Hotel “Borika” have a balcony overlooking the mountains. The Borika Hotel’s spa area includes a sauna, hot tub, and steam bath. Massages are also available. The restaurant features a fireplace and a summer terrace and serves Bulgarian dishes and regional specialities. There is also a breakfast room and a lobby bar. The elegant rooms feature a flat-screen cable TV, a minibar, and a bathroom with a bath, bathrobes, free toiletries, and a hairdryer. Guests can use a ski storage room and barbecue facilities, and benefit from free Wi-Fi in public areas.

Type	Type	Place	Price
<b>A</b> Single room	4-star Hotel	Borika	70 EUR – full board per night per person
<b>B</b> Double room and studio	4-star Hotel	Borika	45 EUR – full board per night per person
<b>C1</b> 2 bedroom with 4 beds	Complex of cottages near the event centre offers self-catering, with a private garden and free Wi-Fi. Free private parking is possible on site.		100 EUR per cottage per night (only bed)
<b>C2</b> 3 bedroom with 6 beds	Complex of cottages near the event centre offers self-catering, with a private garden and free Wi-Fi. Free private parking is possible on site.		120 EUR per cottage per night (only bed)

The deadline for booking accommodation and 50% deposit is on **30.11.2021**.

## TRANSPORT

Our official transport partner company is [TOP RENT-A-CAR](https://www.toprentacar.bg).



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**DISCOUNT**  
for the participants  
**in the event**

The organizers will offer transfers from airports to EC. Also transport from EC to competitions will be offered.

- Sofia to Chepelare – 30 EUR per person (minimum 4 people).
- Chepelare to Sofia – 30 EUR per person (minimum 4 people).
- Event centre to Competition area to Event centre – 10 EUR per day per person.
- Parking – 30 EUR for the whole championships or 10 EUR per day

Deadline for application and payment is **15.12.2021**.

Payment received between 16.12.2021 and 15.01.2022 will incur an additional **20%**.

## PAYMENT DETAILS

**Postbank.bg**

**IBAN: BG79BPBI81701045162201**

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**Subject: HCA СиВен**

## PUNCHING SYSTEM

SPORTIdent AIR+ system will be used.

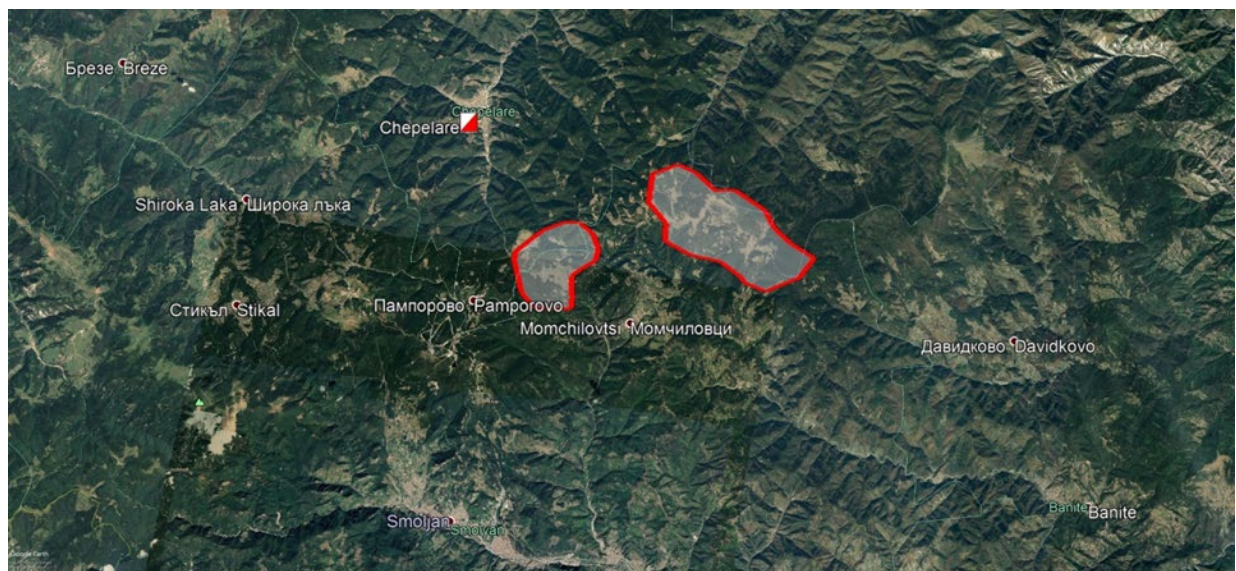
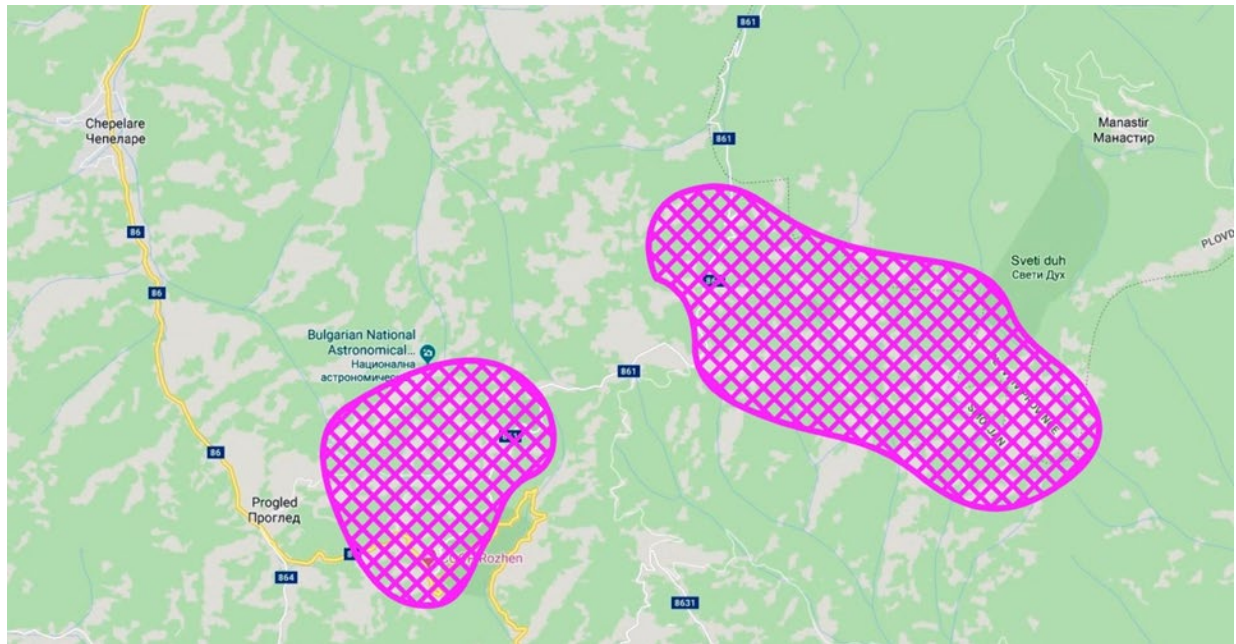
The organizers will provide Si-cards for all competitors who need – 10 EUR rent for the whole championships.



## EMBARGOED AREA

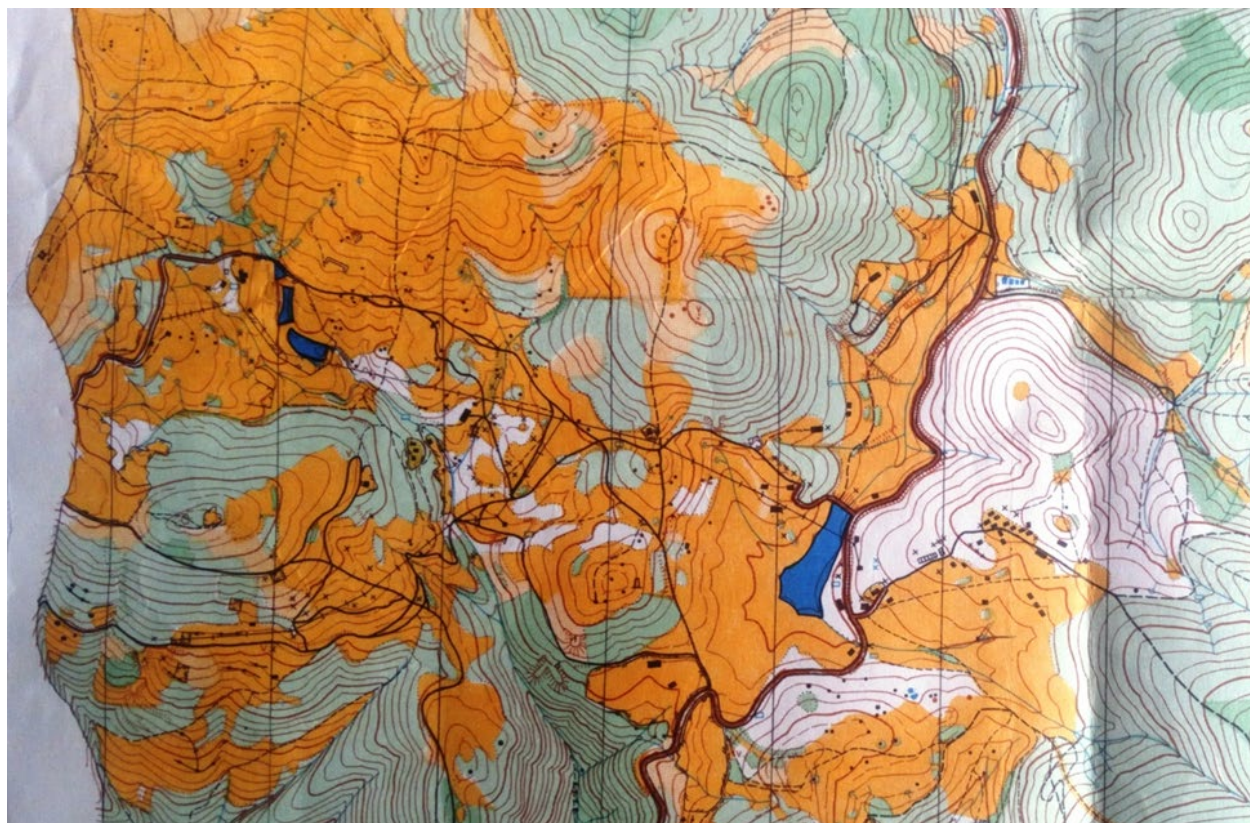
You can see a [detailed map](#) of the embargoed area. It is strictly forbidden to enter embargoed area. Accommodation inside the embargoed area is also forbidden.

The terrain which will be used for Bulgarian national championships will be set as not embargoed and will be used for trainings.





## PREVIOUS MAPS OF THE EMBARGO



## TERRAIN AND MAPS

Moderately hilly to hilly terrain situated between 1500m and 1800m above sea level with pine forests and open fields.

All maps are A4 size (21 x 30 cm) with a 5 m contours interval.

MAP SCALE	ESOC/WCUP	WMSOC
<i>Sprint &amp; Sprint relay</i>	1:5000	1:5000
<i>Middle &amp; Relay</i>	1:10000	1:10000/1:7500
<i>Long</i>	1:15000/1:12500	1:15000/1:10000

## COURSES

**ESOC/WCUP** – Winning times are according the IOF rules.

	<b>W/M21</b>
<i>Sprint distance</i>	10-15 min
<i>Sprint relay(per leg)</i>	6-8 min
<i>Middle distance</i>	40-45 min
<i>Long distance – mass start</i>	85-95 min
<i>Relay(per leg)</i>	30-35 min

## **WMSOC – The courses shall be set to give the following winning times in minutes:**

Middle distance winning times should be 30-40 minutes.

Sprint distance winning times should be about 20 minutes.

Long distance:

W35	60 min.	M35	60 min.
W40	60 min.	M40	60 min.
W45	60 min.	M45	60 min.
W50	60 min.	M50	60 min.
W55	60 min.	M55	60 min.
W60	60 min.	M60	60 min.
W65	50 min.	M65	50 min.
W70	45 min.	M70	45 min.
W75	45 min.	M75	45 min.
W80	45 min.	M80	45 min.
W85	45 min.	M85	45 min.
		M90	45 min.

## **OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRAINING**

Bulgarian national championship (sprint and sprint relay) will be held in the week before ESOC & WMSOC (15-16 January) on similar terrains and altitude. These competitions and also terrain used for these competition may be used for trainings.

## **WAXING FACILITIES AND SKI TESTING**

In connection with the latest rules regarding fluor ban aligned with the International Federation (IOF), upon arrival of the teams all skis will be transported to a special place, which will be simultaneously waxing hall and ski storage space with security and access only for persons authorized by the teams.

Waxing facilities are also available at the competition arena. These have electrical connections, heater and are lockable.

## **EQUIPMENT CHANGE AREAS**

There will be a place for equipment change at arena passings.

## **MEDIA INFORMATION**

We welcome all media representatives. Media centre will be located in the Event Centre and at the Finish area. Media representatives can receive more information:

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Phone: +359 887568353

## COVID-19

A Covid-19 Bulletin will be developed and published later to protect athletes, team members, organizers and officials from becoming infected by the Covid-19 virus.

It is compulsory for all competitors and other team members, IOF Officials, Jury and all inside the championship to perform a COVID-19 test using Antigen test on site (at Event Centre during accreditation) and also in the rest day. This applies to everyone, also for those who have suffered Covid-19 disease previously or are fully or partially vaccinated. The aim of this comprehensive testing is to create a 'bubble' where everyone involved in the competitions (organizers included) have been tested for COVID-19 and declared negative immediately prior to the event.

Covid-19 test will be organized at Borika hotel by the organizers with a partner company, which will have a mobile laboratory at Event Centre. The cost of the tests has to be paid by the teams themselves. The organizers will inform the exact testing times for each team as soon as all the participating countries have provided their arrival information. The payment of the COVID-19 tests will be made in the Event office centre. The price for a single COVID-19 test is 25 EUR. Test results will be available no later than 1 hour after testing. Until receiving the test results, all participants shall remain in strict self-isolation (at the accommodation). Upon receipt of a negative test result, the participants will receive accreditation and may start with competition related activities (trainings etc.). We recommend to have travel insurance which covers also COVID related medical treatment costs.

Organizers will offer possibility to make COVID tests before travelling home.

**The current pandemic situation is changing rapidly, with the possible change of specific mandatory measures during the events.**

**Important changes and the essential information for coming, staying or leaving Bulgaria will be published on our webpage <https://esoc-wmsoc2022.bg>**

