**PRESS RELEASE**

**On the occasion of the First Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria in Georgia has the pleasure to announce the launching of an essay competition for young Georgian people**.

The topic of the **essay** is **“The EU in 2030”**. The contest is opened to young people aged 18 to 25 with interest in both the European Union and the designated contest topic, who look towards the future and are developing visionary thinking. Essays should be in English language, between 3 and 5 pages long.

Contestants are kindly asked to send their works to the electronic address of the Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria in Georgia (embassy.tbilisi@mfa.bg with a copy to christiana.christova@mfa.bg); the postal address of the Embassy (15, Vakhtang Gorgasali Lane, 0105 Tbilisi, Georgia) or to message them to the Facebook page of the Embassy (<https://www.facebook.com/EmbassyBulgariaTbilisi/>) **not later than Friday, 30.03.2018**.

A specially designated jury will review the essays received and announce the winner in a public event in April 2018.

The prize for the winner will be a 4 day trip to Bulgaria in the course of which he/ she will be able to meet relevant partners and get more familiar with the Bulgarian culture, history, traditions and the priorities and activities in the framework of the Firs Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

The Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria in Georgia avails itself of that opportunity to expresses its gratitude to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia and the Information Center on NATO and EU for the kind cooperation provided.