

who

are

we





# Coat of arms of Plovdiv







**Plovdiv is one of the most ancient towns in the world. IT IS RECOGNISED AS THE WORLD'S SIXTH MOST ANCIENT TOWNS AND THE EUROPE'S MOST ANCIENT CONSTANTLY-POPULATED TOWNS WITH ITS 8 THOUSAND YEARS OF EXISTENCE. Created by the Thracians in the 11<sup>th</sup> century BC, fortified by Philip the Macedonian, it was conquered by Romans, Celts, Goths, Byzantines and Turkish. Its numerous names symbolize different epochs and events. IN 2019 PLOVDIV IS THE CULTURAL CAPITAL OF EUROPE.**

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together  
2019

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## **THE NAMES OF THE TOWN**

The Thracians created on the Three hills a fortified settlement called "**Evmolpias**".

Philip the Macedonian conquered it and renamed it "**Philipopolis**" .

Later the Thracians took over the settlement again and named it "**Pulpudeva**" , a translation of Philipopolis.

Within the boundaries of the Roman Empire the town is renamed again into "**Trimonzium**" (**The Threehills *or the town of the three hills***).



In the XIVth century the Ottoman Empire invaded the Balkan peninsula and conquered Plovdiv in 1364. They gave it a new name – **Filibe.**

**Plovdiv** is the second largest town in Bulgaria after the capital - Sofia. It has population of over 500 000 people. The town is built in the skirts of seven hills. Therefore it is often called „The town of the seven hills“.

# The ancient amphitheatre



**Built by the Romans in 1<sup>st</sup> century BC, destroyed by an earthquake in 1<sup>st</sup> AD, it was reconstructed in 1981. It is now used as an open-air theatre.**





# Parts of the Roman stadium in the centre of Plovdiv



# The Roman Odeon



The role of the town is particularly significant during the Bulgarian Revival.

The thriving of crafts and trade made it possible to use the accumulated funds to raise magnificent buildings and houses which are preserved to the present day in the architectural reserve The Old Plovdiv.

A lot of the buildings are now museums.

# Ethnographic museum – Plovdiv





# Houses in the Old Town





# The Old Town – favourite place for walks



Historical museum



# The Balabanov's house













The Old Town is a quiet and magic place.

People of art from many countries gather here, the artists of Plovdiv create their works.

Plovdiv is called the cultural capital of the country. It was chosen for the European cultural capital in 2019 with a rich cultural programme.

This remarkable historical and architectural reserve Old Town is included in the UNESCO List of the World heritage.

# An open air art gallery





Tsanko Lavrenov (1896 – 1978 г.)

The Hilendarian monastery



# Tsanko Lavrenov



# "The Old Town"







# PLOVDIV TODAY





# The Municipality of Plovdiv

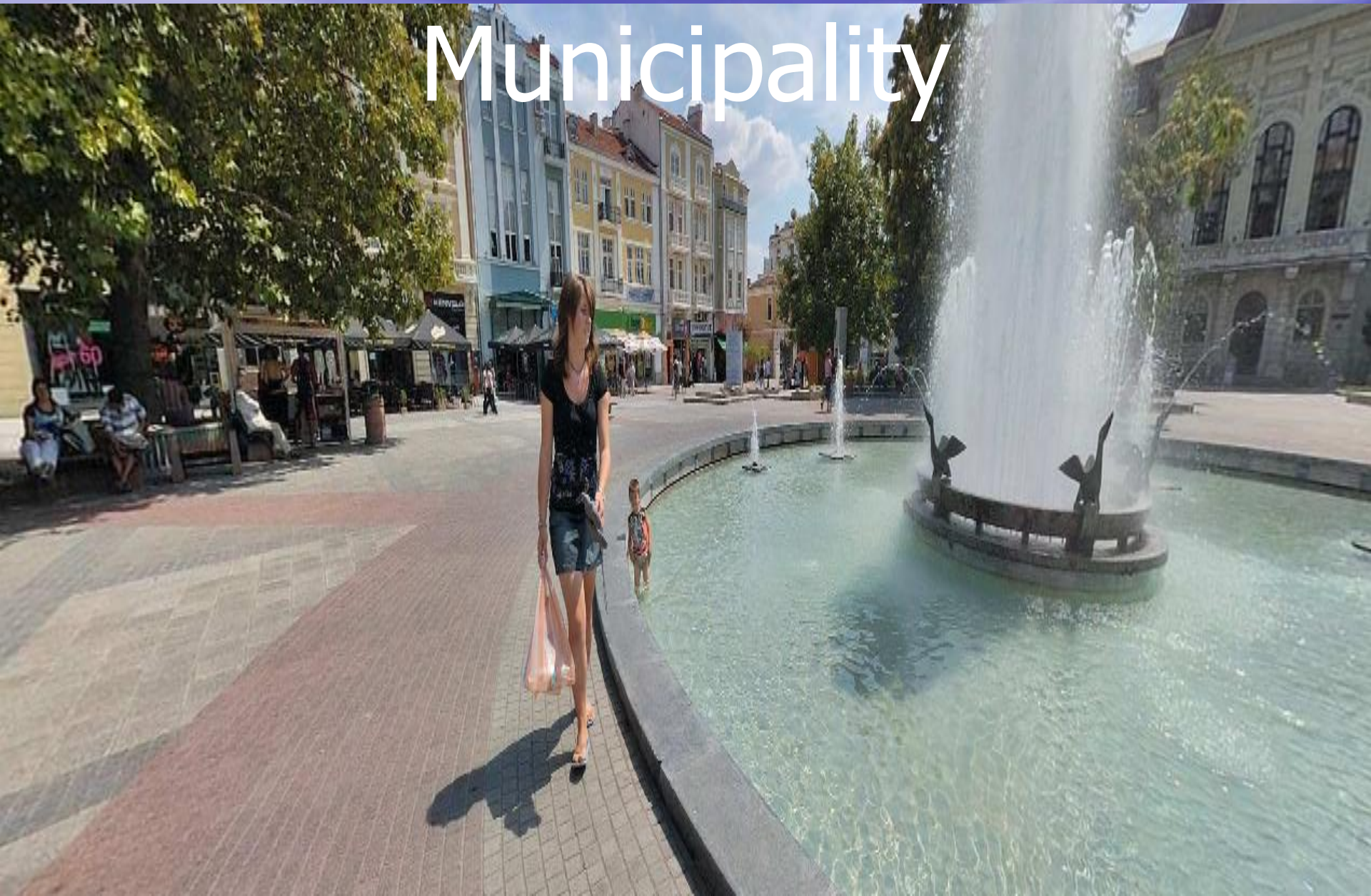




ФИЛАРМОНИК ПЛОВДИВ

Оперно-Филхармонично Дружество  
Пловдив

# The fountain in front of the Municipality







# THE INTERNATIONAL FAIR - PLOVDIV





# SECONDARY SCHOOL "KONSTANTIN VELICHKOV"



# Konstantin Velichkov



# OUR STAFF



СОУ "Константин Величков"

**The school was opened on 15<sup>th</sup> September 1981г. It was named after the remarkable Bulgarian educator, journalist, poet and translator from the Bulgarian Revival Konstantin Velichkov. Students from 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades study here. At our school we have:**

- 450 students and 40 teachers.**
- 2 pre-school groups for 5/6-year-olds.**
- Specialised classes in art, sports – football and field hockey, choreography, languages – English and German, and Science for senior students. Whole-day schooling is provided for students from pre-school to 5<sup>th</sup> grade.**
- 25 students with special needs**

# EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM IN BULGARIA

- 3 – 5 years – KINDERGARTEN
- 5 – 6 years – PRE – SCHOOL
- 7 – 10 years – PRIMARY SCHOOL
- 11-14 years – MEDIUM SCHOOL
- 14 –18 years – SECONDARY SCHOOL
- GENERAL/LANGUAGE/MATHEMATICS/  
VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS - 14 –18 years
- MINIMUM SCHOOL LEAVING AGE – 16

# EXAMS

- After 4<sup>th</sup> grade – 4 exams – National assessment
- After 7<sup>th</sup> grade – 2 exams - National assessment, students may apply for different secondary schools
- After 10<sup>th</sup> grade – 2 Mature exams
- After 12<sup>th</sup> grade – 2 Mature exams, students who pass receive GCSE

# HIGHER EDUCATION

3 YEARS – PROFESSIONAL BACHELOR

4 YEARS – BACHELOR DEGREE

5 YEARS – MASTER DEGREE

1/2/3 - YEAR MASTER PROGRAMMES

IN THE END STUDENTS PASS STATE EXAMS  
OR WRITE A THESIS AND RECEIVE  
DIPLOMA

# OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM





# The beginning of the school year

## year

### OUR FOLK DANCE GROUP





# Students' works







# Our young artists





# The Grass Hockey Team



# In a competition



# The school's football team





# OUR ERASMUS+ CORNER



# **ERASMUS + PROJECTS**

**We are experienced in European projects:**

- **2015-2017 - "United we play, united we win" – sport and inclusive education**
- **2017-2019 „Cycling on the Nature's wheels" – environmental protection**
- **2017-2020 "DICE"- Developing Innovation and creativity in education – teacher training**
- **2017-2020 Media platform "Vocational guidance"**

# **OUR NEW ERASMUS + PROJECTS:**

- **2019-2021 - “Together to improve our future” – innovative teaching methods**
- **2019-2021 „CARE+” – Charity achieves results with Erasmus+ - volunteering**

# OUR ENACTMENT PROJECT

## UNITED WE PLAY, UNITED WE WIN

### 2015-2017

#### LTTA IN PLOVDIV



# OUR ERASMUS+ PROJECT UNITED WE PLAY, UNITED WE WIN 2015-2017

## LT TA IN SARDINIA





# CYCLING ON THE NATURE'S WHEELS

## PAPER CAMPAIGN



# CYCLING ON THE NATURE'S WHEELS

**C1 – Magura, Romania**

**C2 – Larissa, Greece**



# DICE – developing innovation and creativity in education

**The DICE team**



**LEGO education at school**



# CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

