



Strandja- the mountain of festivals
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Study of festivals, events held on the territory of Strandja
Short list -Events participating in on-line survey

Discussions between the experts from Bulgaria and Turkey was held in order to determine the most popular events in Strandja to participate in an on-line survey. A short list with 48 festivals in total was determined. In the short list 24 of all nominated festivals and events belong to the territory of Bulgarian part of Strandja. The selection was made in order to include the most popular events from the different regions in Strandzha, both on the Black Sea coast - Tsarevo, Primorsko, Sozopol and in the interior of Strandzha - municipalities Malko Tarnovo, Elhovo, Bolyarovo, Sredets

No	Event	Where?	When?	Duration	Manager , contacts	email	Notes
1.	Festival of Periwinkle(Rhododendron Ponticum) in Strandja Nature park Festival of the Periwinkle(Rhododendron Ponticum) held in May (the flowering period of the Rhododendron ponticum), in different settlements on the territory of Strandja Nature Park. The Festival of the Periwinkle offers a rich and attractive programme - performances of folklore	In settlements on the territory of	During May	2 days	Directorate of Strandja Nature	park@strandja.bg	Traditional - conducted annually for 14 years; attracts over

	<p>groups from Strandja villages, contest of bagpipers from the whole country, tasting various homemade specialties, contest for ritual bread making, demonstration of various crafts, sport activities and many others attractions. The bravest can climb on rope gardens installed between ancient oaks - a special attraction for young and old participants.</p> <p>Participants can take part in the various tourist routes. During the festival days, the guests have possibilities to visit museums, the ethnographic collections and other objects of cultural and ethnographic heritage of Strandja.</p> <p>Over 6000 people from all over the world attended the fourteen-th edition of the Festival of Periwinkle, which took place on 13 and 14 May in Gramatikovo village, Strandja Nature Park.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RL3hbbgpHPQ</p>	Strandja Nature park			park		6,000 guests and tourists. Rich program, massive advertising and media interest
2.	<p>A week of the sea in Ahtopol</p> <p>Ahtopol is a town and seaside resort on the southern Bulgarian Black Sea Coast. It is located on a headland in the southeastern part of Burgas Province and is close to the border with European Turkey. It is the southernmost town on the Bulgarian coast. Ahtopol lies within Strandzha Nature Park.</p> <p>The Ahtopol Town Hall and the Community center Hristo Botev-1925 organize an annual Week of the Sea in Ahtopol during the first week of August. The program for 2017 provokes the creative and artistic talents of the youth and includes Neptune's evening, asphalt paintings, a show for children - sand modeling on the beach, recitation - sea poet contest.</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/events/663979546964961/?acontext=%7B%22source%22%3A5%2C%22page_id_source%22%3A227217947349685%2C%22action_history%22%3A[%7B%22surface%22%3A%22page%22%2C%22mechanism%22%3A%22main_list%22%2C%22extra_data%22%3A%22%7B%5C%22page_id%5C%22%3A227217947349685%2C%5C%22tour_id%5C%22%3Anull%7D%22%7D]%2C%22has_source%22%3Atrue%7D</p>	Ahtopol	1 week of August	1 week	Community center Mariya Yankova 0590/99 293 0899 84 19 16	tsarevo@dir.bg chitohristobotev.abv.bg	Annual event, attracts youth; in the national cultural calendar
3.	<p>Nestinarstvo (a dedicated fire-dance)</p> <p>Nestinarsko shestvie (procession) . Nestinarski obred (Rite) in 5 villages in Strandja- Balgari, Kondolovo, Kosti, Slivarovo, Gramatikovo</p> <p>Nestinarstvo is a fire ritual originally performed in several Bulgarian villages in the Strandja Mountains close to the Black Sea coast in the very southeast of Bulgaria. It involves a barefoot</p>	Balgari, Kondolovo, Kosti, Slivarovo, Gramatikov	On the day of Sts. Constantine	2 days	Village of Bulgari 059069 414 Nedka	tsarevo@dir.bg atana.ska.ko	In 2009, the ritual was entered in the UNESCO

	<p>dance on smouldering embers (zharava) performed by nestinari. It is usually performed at the square of the village in front of the whole population on the day of Sts. Constantine and Helen or the day of the village's patron saint. The ritual is a unique mixture of Eastern Orthodox beliefs and older pagan traditions from the Strandzha Mountains.</p> <p>In 2009, the ritual was entered in the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage Lists and the National Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage "Living Human Treasures - Bulgaria".</p> <p>Even today, where the Black Sea washes the shores of the warm Strandja Mountains, the old traditions connected with the magical folk rites are still living. They continue to be practiced by the local communities with the same admiration and faith in the theurgy power of the Sun and the Fire. Preserved only in this part of Bulgaria, those phenomena of sacral culture have been defined by explorers as traces of the old Thracian and Bulgarian shamanism.</p> <p>Nestinarstvo is among the oldest and most mysterious rites, practiced even today by the population of Strandja Mountain in its authentic form. In the ancient village of Bulgari, every year on the 3rd of June, takes place a celebration dedicated to St. St. Constantine and Helena also known as nestinarski igri (nestinar games).</p> <p>In the early morning, the priest blesses the offering dishes – a boiled mutton inside the stolnina (a small building for preservation of the icons, usually found next to or inside the house of the chief of the fire-dancers) dedicated to St. St. Constantine and Helena. After the liturgy is celebrated, the churchwarden, who is a strongly respected man - heir of an old nestinar family, and the boys caring the icons set off from the stolnina under the accompaniment of drummers and gaida (a type of Bulgarian bagpipe).</p> <p>Next, the procession goes to the stolnina located at the house of the chief-nestinarka (a woman). Here the icons are “dressed” in ritual shirts covered with silver coins and adornment. With the blessing of the chief-nestinarka, all attendants of the celebrations head towards the holy spring of St. Constantine. Shortly after their arrival there, the icons are placed to “rest” at the ritual wooden seat guarded by the chief-nestinarka. The churchwarden uses water from the holy spring to “wash” the icons and bless the attendants with it; follows the chain dance – horo, as the entire group of nestinars dances on the last horo. By noontime, everybody is going back to the village.</p> <p>Six cars with wood are used for the preparation of the festive fire that is burning on the central square in front of the church during the day. In the late afternoon, the ritual ground is formed from embers spread in a circle of about 8 - 10m diameter. At nightfall, begin the incessant horos round the glow. To the heavy clipped sound of the ritual drum, the nestinars get into a peculiar trance and walk barefoot into the hot embers. Shouting loudly and abruptly, they are traversing</p>	o villages	and Helen	3-4 June 2017	Lapcheva - mayor City Hall 059069 327 Anton Angelov - mayor NSA "Vasil Levski 1925" - Atanaska Georgieva - 059069 310 City Hall 059068 218 Ilia Iliev - mayor	sti@abv.bg , veleka_gr@abv.bg	Intangible Cultural Heritage Lists and the National Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage "Living Human Treasures – Bulgaria."
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	<p>the embers in the sign of a cross and then dance a few minutes with the sacred icons in hands, without having any burns.</p> <p>Men and women, usually from the same families become nestinars. They hand down from generation to generation the secrets of the magic dance, as the chief-nestinar has the most important part in their society. She has that place in the hierarchy for her exceptional religious devotion and abilities of a medium. Therefore, people honour her as a magic mediator between them and the saint-patrons, delivering predictions about fertility, health, wars or family's fortune.</p> <p>The traditional faith in magical rites and spells is bound to the will of taming the fearful force of nature. They are performed with the intention to help people and Nature in their co-existence, therefore the most significant is the symbolic of the Sun and Fire as essential life sources.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7hZfU2qF3BE</p>						
4.	<p>National Folklore Festival "Horo by the Sea" in Tsarevo</p> <p>Tsarevo municipality, National Community center George Kondolov and folk dance club Igljika are the organizers of the National Folk Festival, named Horo by the sea. It has been held for several years and in 2017 it will be held on the 10th and 11th of June. The festival is held under the patronage of the mayor of Tsarevo. The festival aims to give an audience to amateur art folk clubs and promote the folk heritage of our country. Participation attracts many lovers of folk dances. One of the conditions for the participants is to be non-professionals. There is no age limit. Participants can dress as they wish. The festival is not of a competitive nature.</p> <p>http://www.tzarevo.net/index.php/novini/obyavi-i-saobshteniya/item/1387-nff-horo-krai-moreto-tzarevo-2017</p>	Tzarevo	First week of June	2 days	Municipality of Tsarevo "G.Kondolov - 1914"; Folklore Dance Club "Igljika" - Damyan Damyanov - 0888304319	tsarevo@dir.bg kondolov@abv.bg	5 y. tradition, annual, in national cultural calendar, media interest
5.	<p>National folklore fair and singing competition "Strandja Sings" in Gramatikovo</p>	Gramatikovo	Every 4 years,	2 days	059523021 Ilian	mt_kmet@	With more than 50

	<p>Национален фолклорен събор-надпяване “Странджа пее”, Граматиково</p> <p>The Festival Strandja sings was held for the first time from 28 to 30 June in 1960 in the village of Gramatikovo. This began the tradition of the national folk festivals in Bulgaria. It is held every 4 years and is under the auspices of the Ministry of Culture of Bulgaria, aiming to promote the rich songs of Strandja region. Participanst in the festival are also songs from the regions of Sakar and Eastern Thrace.</p> <p>The festival was discontinued for a while and resumed again in 1995 by Malko Turnovo municipality.</p> <p>http://www.sabori.bg/scene-arts/view.html?oid=55606</p>		at the beginning of June	2 дни	Yanchev - mayor; Town Hall - Stefan Stoyanov - 05958 22 66, community center - Ekaterina Boradjieva -	mail.bg veleka_gr@abv.bg	years tradition, media interest, high attendance , it has a permanent scene built in Gramatikovo
6.	<p>Cultural Holidays in the town of Malko Tarnovo.</p> <p>The program consists of various cultural manifestations, folklore dances and songs, as well as exhibitions, craft workshops, art workshops for children, culinary exhibitions, culture and nature trekking routs, and meetings with famous artistic personalities, sport activities, and a car rally.</p> <p>http://www.malkotarnovo.org/new/index.php/2011-03-31-04-23-33</p>	Malko Tarnovo	Last week of August	4 days	Malko Tarnovo Municipality 05952 3021	mt_kmet@mail.bg	Annually, for 25 years, active advertising, media interest, high attendance
7.	<p>Festival of Manna Honey (honey dew) in Tsarevo</p> <p>Festival of Manna Honey (honey dew) in Tsarevo is a traditional festival of this local product. It has been held annually since 2004 in the first ten days of August in the town of Tsarevo. At the exhibition, manufacturers present a variety of bee products. In this part of Bulgaria the production of manna honey is a tradition. The festival includes beekeepers from all over the country, presenting their bee products to the residents and tourists.</p> <p>http://fest-bg.com/?event=%D1%84%D0%B5%D1%81%D1%82%D0%B8%D0%B2%D0%B0%D0%BB-%D1%86%D0%B0%D1%80%D0%B5%D0%B2%D0%BE-</p>	Tzarevo	First 10 days of August	10 days	Municipality of Tzraevo 0895433 782 Manol Todorov	tsarevo@dir.bg	Annually, for 13 years, active advertising, media interest, high attendance

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8.	<p>International Youth Art Festival "Priests to the Muses"</p> <p>The Municipalities, Culture community centers of the Southern Black Sea Coast and a NGO "Temp" have organized for 15 years an attractive festival, which gathers hundreds of children and young people for participation in the International Youth Festival of Arts "The Jews of the Muses". The festival takes place during 10 days with concerts in different scenes situated in towns on the seaside. In 2017 there were 12 compositions and the audience saw contemporary dances, latino, hip hop, break dance, folk dances, vocal and instrumental performances, body art, humor and theater. In its first 2 years, the festival was called the Muses.</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/PriestsToTheMuses/</p>	Tsarevo, Primorsko, Kiten, Ahtopol, Lozenets, Sinemorets	Second week of august	10 Days	Tsarevo Municipality Temple Art Association Ст. Чернева 0590 / 98,037	tsarevo@dir.bg	15 years tradition National Cultural Calendar Advertising from the Cultere Centers and the Town Halls,
9.	<p>Malko Tarnovo Festival - From the Spring of Strandja</p> <p>Annually , for 6 years</p> <p>For many years, the people of Malko Tarnvo have kept their heritage. The Craft Festival is an attractive event promoting the traditions and crafts of Malko Tarnovo. The festival also aims at promotion of Strandja folklore and culture, and it aims to return the traditions that have already disappeared.</p> <p>The festival presents unique crafts, traditions and other elements of the intangible cultural heritage of Strandja.</p> <p>The festival returns to the traditions and customs typical of this unique region in Bulgaria. During two days, old traditional crafts and restoration of festive rituals are shown to people and tourists. Participants in workshops are the local craftsmen who are working with textile, carpentry, carving, basketry, fine arts. Folklore groups from Malko Tarnovo and the surrounding villages presents traditional dances and songs.</p> <p>Other attractive activities included in the festival are: demonstration of crafts: carpet-demonstration and presentation of finished Strandzha trails and mahogany mats; carpentry,</p>	Malko Tarnovo	July	2 days	Community center Prosveta 1914	chitalishte.mt@abv.bg	The event is included in national cultural calendar, Intense advertising attracts hundreds of participants; it is held annually for 6 years

	<p>basketry, a full cycle of wave processing and trekking, presentation of folklore performances of songs, dressing up, training in Strandja people; presentation of local products: honey bee, sweet and pulses, baked basil, roasted, pumpkin, etc .; natural goat and buffalo cheese, milk, cheese, butter; knitwear, slippers, hats, etc .; training and making of souvenir figures made of lemon rods; Workshop with stones; literary reading in the museum; screening of films for M. Tarnovo. The organizers hope the initiative will contribute to the economic development of the region, to increase the citizens' trust in the community center and to promote its activities as well as to attract more tourists, specialists, experts, connoisseurs and fans of authentic Strandjan culture.</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/festivalmalkotarnovo/?fref=ts</p>						
10.	<p>Apollonia - Festival of Culture and Arts in Sozopol</p> <p>From August 26th to September 5th all connoisseurs of art and culture enjoyed the 33rd edition of the Arts Feasts: Apolonia!</p> <p>This year's festival was 11 DAYS long presented over 70 events which include participation from some of the most famous artists on the Bulgarian and international stages and their most recent works, plays, spectacles, and performances.</p> <p>Art Festival Apolonia 2017 aims to promote the achievements of Bulgarian artists, authors, and performers, as well as to preserve traditions and support new experimental and original ideas in the field of all arts.</p> <p>History of Apolonia</p> <p>In 1984 Sozopol hosts the first Apollonia Arts Festival. The purpose of this unique phenomenon in our contemporary culture is to show the achievements of Bulgarian artists, authors, and performers, to preserve tradition, and to support new ideas, experimental and non-standard solutions in the field of all arts. The festival includes theater, music, literature, cinema, ballet, plastic arts, architecture, and a children's program.</p> <p>In 1991 was established Apollonia Foundation, the main organizer of the festival. For over ten days, over 70 cultural events are featured on the festival stages, involving hundreds of performers. Many of the works performed are world and national premieres. In 2014 was the 30th anniversary of the Arts Festivals. Every evening, the festival halls are full to their capacity. The numerous and versatile audience of Apolonia does not stop searching for and discovering great art.</p>	Sozopol	In the beginning of September	10 days	Municipality of Sozopol Fondation Sozopol Denka Todorova – 0879422308	obshtina@sozopol.bg chitsz@mail.bg	With a 33 - year tradition; sustainability; a large number of initiatives, guests and tourists; active advertising, high media interest

	https://www.apollonia.bg/						
11.	<p>International Folklore Festival “Strandja, moya lyulchina (my swing)” in Tsarevo</p> <p>International folklore festival "Strandja moya, lulchina" is held annually in June on the summer scenes in the town of Tsarevo. The festival aims to present the folklore music and dance of Bulgaria and other countries and ethno-cultural diversity of participants- dancing groups and choirs for folk songs, orchestras, authentic folklore groups, singers and instrumentalists.</p> <p>https://www.tsarevo.info/calendar-event/strandzha-moya-lyulchina-2017/</p>	Tsarevo	June	3 days	Community center Georgi Kondolov 1914”	tsarevo@dir.bg kondolov@abv.bg	18-year tradition; sustainability;
12.	<p>Art Festival "Fire and Sea" in Tsarevo</p> <p>Names among the most prominent artists of Bulgarian modern art, together with famous personalities from the sphere of music, cinema, media and politics, give a start to a unique project Art Festival "Fire and Sea" in Tsarevo. The artists draw inspiration from the sea, the sun and the natural elements to create works on the theme "Fire and the sea" which, after the end of the festival, donate to the newly created Museum of Contemporary Art in Tsarevo. The first year "Fire and Sea" is organized by the initiative of Evgeni Yonov and the mayor of Tsarevo, Georgi Lapchev, but the festival becomes an annual event that collects new and new projects and donates them to the Museum of Contemporary Bulgarian Art. The public figures present the finished works on the last day of the festival, the Tsarevo Municipality provides workshops for the artists in Lozenets, Tsarevo, Varvara and Ahtopol, while "Vilate" in Lozenets provides space for creativity, discussions, art screenings and happenings. The finale of the art plein is celebrated by a mass event on the square in the village of Bulgari, where the traditional fire-dancing feast with fire and dancing takes place, a musical concert and an open-air barbecue.</p> <p>http://www.tzarevo.net/index.php/kultura-obrazovanie-sport-i-sotzialnideinosti/kultura/item/612-festival-ogan-i-more</p>	Tsarevo, Varvara and Ahtopol, Lozenets,	june	3 days	Municipality Tzarevo	tsarevo@dir.bg	annually; it attracts a large number of tourists,

13.	<p>National Strandja - Thracian Fair Folklore Wreath – Bozhura in Sredets</p> <p>The National Strandja - Thracian Fair Folklore Wreath – Bozhura in Sredets aims to continue the tradition of the Strandzha-Thracian region, to stimulate the interest and the love for the rich folklore heritage. It features young performers and instrumentalists spread across four groups and representatives of music schools and classes. The award winners will be awarded the Prize "Folk Wreath Bozhura and Grandma's Chest "Prize.</p> <p>http://www.sabori.bg/scene-arts/view.html?oid=2499</p>	Sredets, Bozhura	Last Saturday and Sunday of May	2 days	Municipality of Sredets, Community center, NGOs 05551 31-40, 77-08,.	info@sredets.bg probuda.sredets@gmail.com	With a 22 - year tradition; attracts many guests National culture calendar
14.	<p>National Folklore Festival Horo in Strandja in Malko Tarnovo</p> <p>An attractive event in the heart of Strandja mountain the spring. The program includes: conference, presentation of the groups, parade - defile of the folklore clubs, schools and amateur groups, Nestinarsko Horo - a common choro with the participation of all groups under the accompaniment of Strandzha orchestra. All groups play simultaneously, each of their horo, 6 people from the following ethnographic regions - Thracian, Dobrudzhan, Pirin, North- or so called Severnyashka, Rodophes and so called Shoppska.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1a0s8bs1aC4</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/%D0%A5%D0%BE%D1%80%D0%BE-%D0%B2-%D0%A1%D1%82%D1%80%D0%B0%D0%BD%D0%B4%D0%B6%D0%B0-996531400438089/</p>	Malko Tarnovo	End of May	2 days	Municipality of Malko Tarnovo, Prosveta 1914 05952 3021 Mayor 088544681 2 - Mariya Patronova 05952 3105 – Drencheva	mt_kmet@mail.bg mpatronova@mailkotarnovo.org	In national cultural calendar, an event with potential, attracts a large number of participants
15.	<p>International Summer Art Academy in Ahtopol</p> <p>IX International Summer Academy and Symposium - Ahtopol 2017 was held in the Art center of the National Art Academy, Greek School, Ahtopol, Tsarevo Municipality</p> <p>The International Summer Academy in Ahtopol, includes the production of sculptures made out of wood, stone, metal, and mosaic. On September 10th, the exhibition in the Summer Academy and Symposium was opened. The lecturers and students participating in the Academy received certificates for their participation.</p> <p>The created works will be added to the existing exhibition in the Art Center of the National Art</p>	Ahtopol гр. Ахтопол	September	10 days	Municipality of Tsarevo and the Ahtopol Town Hall	tsarevo@dir.bg	Annual, 9 year tradition, international participation, attracts public

	Academy (Hellenic School) in Ahtopol, which contributes to the aesthetic value of the city and the development of cultural tourism. The International Summer Academy in Ahtopol is supported by the Municipality of Tsarevo and the Ahtopol Town Hall.						
16.	<p>International Youth Festival of Arts- The Muses in Sozopol</p> <p>International youth festival of arts "Muzite" ("The Muses") is a traditional art forum that gathers thousands of competitors from all over the world in Bulgaria.</p> <p>The festival goes with the support of the Vice President of the Republic of Bulgaria. It is part of the cultural programme of the town of Sozopol and the cultural calendar of the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Bulgaria.</p> <p>The international youth festival "Muzite" is organized by the "Muzite" Association and the Municipality of Sozopol with a generous contribution of the Mayor of the Municipality of Sozopol.</p> <p>The festival takes place from 5th to 15th July in two five-day sessions, divided in different types of arts. It is an excellent combination of a summer holiday by the sea and active creativity.</p> <p>The international youth festival of the arts "Muzite" is a multi-genre festival-contest and presents all arts.</p> <p>The participants in the contest are ensembles and soloists from the schools of arts, academies, art clubs, studios, children and youth centres. Participants can be children and adolescents aged 5-35.</p> <p>The contest jury is international - scholars from the Bulgarian Academy of Science and prestigious international universities, acclaimed artists, directors of international festivals, managers of art associations, holders of the Grand Prize in different arts from previous editions of the festival.</p> <p>Groups and soloists over the age of 35 take part in the non-competitive programme and all the accompanying events.</p> <p>The unforgettable atmosphere and creative energy of the competitors turned the "Muzite" festival into an emblem of Sozopol and a major cultural event , symbol of friendship and multiculturalism and a stable bridge for sharing traditions and values.</p> <p>http://www.muzite.org</p>	Sozopol	In the beginning of July	10 days	Municipality - Mayor Panayot Reyzi - 0550 2 57 01; Muzite Association - 02 981 01 06	obshtina@sozopol.bg chitsz@mail.bg	12 years tradition; international participation; active advertisement - with a great site - http://www.muzite.org/ - http://www.muzite.org/
17.	<p>Children's folklore fair "Varbova svirka sviri (whistle plays)" in Bolyarovo</p> <p>The children's folklore fair "VORBOVA SVIRKA SVIRI" in Bolyarovo is organized for the twentieth time. It is dedicated to the popular Thracian singer Elena Gramatikova and to the richness and</p>	Bolyarovo	June	1 day	Municipality of Bolyarovo	bolyarovok@met.com	In national cultural calendar 20-year

	<p>beauty of Strandzha's folklore. The aims of the event are: To preserve and promote the Strandja folklore heritage, to involve the young generation in the treasury of Bulgarian folklore; to enhance the individual artists and to promote young talents; to achieve continuity between the generations. Conditions for participation: Performance of songs of Elena Gramatikova. In the competition program the participants can also participate with the songs of Kalinka Zgurova, Donka Bumbalova and Manol Mihailov, who are among the founders of this fair</p> <p>Participants can participate in the concert with instrumental / individual and collective / dance performances, rituals and customs.</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/ndfs.varbovasvirkasviri http://bolyarovo.eu/bg/page/68</p>				0474160-44 ; 61-54	abv.bg	tradition; has a facebook – page.
18.	<p>Municipal Folklore fest "Voden is Singing and Dancing" in Voden, Bolyarovo municipality</p> <p>Objective: To preserve and promote the folklore dance, verbal and musical-song richness in the contemporary world. The festival aims to encourage the amateur groups and individual performers to present the folklore as a treasure trove of moral values preserved from our ancestors.</p> <p>Amateur teams and individual performers represent folk art in all its variety. Participants are over 18 years of age.</p> <p>http://www.sabori.bg/folk_fest_sub/view.html?oid=65800</p>	Voden, Bolyarovo Municipality	In September	1 day	Municipality of Bolyarovo, community center 04748-2221	boliarovokmet@abv.bg	4 years tradition, attracts over 400 participants, included in national cultural calendar
19.	<p>International Folklore Festival Atlimanska ogarlitsa (Atliman Necklace) in Kiten</p> <p>The aim of the festival is to preserve, develop and disseminate Bulgarian and international cultural traditions. The director of the festival is Strandja folk singer Zlatka Stavreva. The magic of antiquity and the beauty of folklore from Bulgaria and the world show singing groups, ensembles, dance groups, individual performers and musicians from different countries.</p>	Kiten, Primorsko гр. Китен, общ. Приморско	June м. юни	5 days 5 дена	Municipality of Primorsko, Kiten NGO "Atlimanska ogarlitsa"	kmets.tvo.kiten@abv.bg	6 years tradition; annual, media interests,

	https://www.facebook.com/AtlimansNecklace/				Zlatka Stavreva 0899 394 5889		
20.	<p>Fish Festival in Tsarevo</p> <p>In 2017 it is held for 7 consecutive times - the program is changing and diversifying every year and attracts many tourists. An attractive event, which facilitates the extension of the tourist season in the town of Tsarevo.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xNZETNSppps</p>	Tzarevo	September	1 day H	Municipality of Tsarevo	tsarevo@dir.bg	A culinary festival with traditions attracts many tourists, media interest
21	<p>National folclor fest Primorsko's pearl, Primorsko</p> <p>3-rd annual edition in 2017</p> <p>Competitions: Folclor music singing , competition folclor virtuosos instruments ; traditional orchestra competition, folklore dance competition</p> <p>http://primorsko.bg/%D1%84%D0%B5%D1%81%D1%82%D0%B8%D0%B2%D0%B0%D0%BB%D0%B8-%D0%B8-%D0%BA%D0%BE%D0%BD%D0%BA%D1%83%D1%80%D1%81%D0%B8/%D0%BF%D1%80%D0%B8%D0%BC%D0%BE%D1%80%D1%81%D0%BA%D0%B0-%D0%BF%D0%B5%D1%80%D0%BB%D0%B0/</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/FolkFestivalPrimorskoPerl/</p>	Primorsko	1-4 of September	4 days	Municipality Primorsko	stoykov55@abv.bg	Traditional folklore competition Media interest
22	<p>Feast of the Thracian banitsa in Elhovo</p> <p>Presentation of varieties of the traditional pastry banitsa. Each settlement in the region presents 2 products. The Feast has a competitive character, awards are given to the best participants. On September 16th 2017 in Elhovo for the seventh consecutive year was held a holiday of the Thracian banitsa under the title "Banitsa Vita - Twisted Twice"</p> <p>The feast of traditional Thracian banitsa (pie/pastry) "Banitsa vita – dva pati previta" in the town of Elhovo is organized by the municipality of Elhovo and the Community Center "Razvitie - 1893". The celebration has been organized since 2010 and aims to promote and preserve Bulgarian</p>	Elhovo, Елхово	In September	1 day	Hall town Community Center Razvitie-Elhovo	Kmet.elhovo@infotel.bg	Annual, traditional, culinary festival,

	<p>traditions.</p> <p>The event is a competition and it is open to different participants (no age restrictions) from Elhovo or neighboring settlements. Each participant is allowed to submit from one to three products (it is mandatory to be banitsa/pies).</p> <p>Participants are free to decide what kind of pie to present, which is traditional for its living place. It is allowed for the pie to be sweet, salty, bymade of pre-made or home-made pastries, with or without stuffing pies, etc. The works must be accompanied by detailed recipes.</p> <p>Participants receive special awards from a jury.</p>						
23	<p>Yanitsa plainer in Elhovo</p> <p>The painer Yanitsa aims at promoting the unique nature, architectural and historical landmarks, life and culture of the Elhovo region. The idea is to allow artists with a proven creative personality to appear. Each author himself determines and provides the materials with which to work without limitation in the form and technique of performing the works. For the past 12 years, the Elhovo Municipality has nearly 90 paintings by prominent artists.</p> <p>http://www.sabori.bg/liter_fest/view.html?oid=2104</p>	Elhovo	June	5 days	Municipality of Elhovo, Community center 0478/88 025 Dragoeva	Kmet.elhovo@infotel.bg	12 year tradition, in national cultural calendar
24.	<p>National Folklore Dance Competition "Rhythms and Dances in Strandja"</p> <p>Competition. The rights to participate includes amateur groups, amateur schools and clubs from all over the country, presenting Bulgarian folk dances. The compositions are presented with 2 dances, one of which is the choice of the participants while the other is from the Strandzha region.</p> <p>http://strandja-fest.info/event_show.php?id=35</p>	Sredets	21 of September	1 day 1 ден	Municipality of Sredets Community Center, Museum 05551 31-40, 77-08,	info@sredets.bg probuda@sredets.bg	Annual, traditional, in national cultural calendar