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Corruption and State Capture, Countering corruption, State capture, Good governance, Energy Security, Energy Transition and Economic Development, Green energy governance, Competitiveness and innovations, Energy policy and energy security, Informal economy and undeclared work, Foreign Influence and Disinformation, Media capture, disinformation and propaganda

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Master's degree in Economics and Business Administration, University of National and World Economy, Sofia

Biography

Ruslan is co-director and co-author of the Kremlin Playbook a joint project of the Center for the Study of Democracy and the Center for Strategic and International Studies on Russia's economic footprint and influence in Europe. He is the knowledge and development coordinator of the **Southeast European Leadership for Development and Integrity (SELDI.net)**, the largest regional civil society anticorruption network in the Western Balkans, Turkey, and the Eastern Neighborhood. Ruslan is an advisor on increasing knowledge for the **European Platform Tackling Undeclared Work**. He is the editor of **Innovation.bg**, the foremost monitoring and assessment tool of research and innovation policy in Bulgaria and is an expert on smart specialization for the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission.

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