



FEM FESTival 2026 – Program

FEM FESTival is a feminist platform for art, dialogue, and solidarity that brings together artists, activists, and communities in pursuit of social justice and democratic alternatives across the Balkan region. The festival is organized by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation.

Festival Days: 26–27 June

Location: Sofia, Bulgaria

Venue: Krasno Selo House of Culture (Municipal Institute of Culture), Sofia

41 Tsar Boris III Blvd. 1612 Sofia, Bulgaria

26 JUNE

11:00 - 22:00

Locations: Basement | 1st Floor | 2nd Floor | Terrace

27 JUNE

11:00–22:00

Locations: Basement | 1st Floor | 2nd Floor | Central atrium

26 JUNE (Friday)

11:00	FEM FESTival 2026 Opening (Terrace)
11:30	Listening as resistance: Storytelling for justice and inclusion (Hall 1) Erblina Selmanaj (Kosovo) storytelling workshop English 2 hours Embracing nature (Green area) Bozhana Slavkova (Bulgaria) performance Bulgarian and English 2 hours

13:00	Lunch (Terrace)
14:00	Two Balkan Women. Two Lawsuits. One City. Brussels (Hall 3) Women's Place Foundation presentation and discussion English 90 min Brut Art (Hall 5) Hristina Popova (Bulgaria) presentation of fan art album Bulgarian 1 hour Utopia Woman Meets the Activist (Terrace) Gentian Minga (Albania) book presentation and reading English 30 min
16:00	Invisible Risks: Ukrainian Women, Displacement and Survival in Eastern Europe (Hall 3) Refugees International Women Empowerment (Ukraine) presentation and discussion English 1 hour Aphrodite's Conception (Hall 1) Boryana Rossa (Bulgaria) lecture and workshop Bulgarian or English 1 hour
17:30	The Spirit of Freedom (Sirius Hall) HANA (North Macedonia) Performance Macedonian with English subtitles 20 minutes
18:00	Opening of the Exhibition "Night Shift" (Central Atrium, followed by the Underground Gallery) Participants: Boryana Petkova (Bulgaria), Center for Girls (Serbia), Diana Dimitrova (Bulgaria), Katya Dimova (Bulgaria), Krasimira Butseva (Bulgaria), Milica Bilanović (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Monika Popova (Bulgaria), Natalia Jordanova (Bulgaria), Simona Halacheva and Arms Wide Open (Bulgaria), VIRA Association (Romania). Curator: Reneta Georgieva
20:00	Women's room (Elite Hall) Center for Girls (Serbia) Theater Serbian with English subtitles 1 hour
21:00	Party & live music with Lora Radeva (Terrace)

11:30 – 20:00 DJ set by GERA

27 JUNE (Saturday)

11:00	Brunch, chill and music (Terrace)
12:00	Empathy in Care: Immersive feminist theater on reproductive justice (Hall 1) Romanian Midwives association (Romania) Interactive theater English 1 hour In search of the invisible voices (Hall 5) Olya Stoyanova (Bulgaria) workshop on documentary and testimonial writing Bulgarian 2 hours Textile manifesto (Terrace) Katya Dimova (Bulgaria) embroidery workshop Bulgarian and English 3 hours
14:00	Rewriting (Hall 1) Animus Association (Bulgaria) impro theater Bulgarian 90 min Roma wedding (Sirius Hall) Stoliwood (Bulgaria) Theater Bulgarian 70 min A woman out of time, a landscape outside of history (Underground gallery) Krasimira Butseva (Bulgaria) lecture and visual performance English 1 hour
15:00	Utopia Woman Meets the Activist (Terrace) Gentian Minga (Albania) book presentation and reading English 30 min Our bodies, our rights (Hall 5) WomanUp Foundation (Bulgaria) workshop Bulgarian 90 min Šprehenzi Dojč (Underground gallery)

	Milica Bilanović (Bosnia and Herzegovina) performance 30 min
15:30	Hidden in Plain Sight: Recovering Women's Football Histories in Romania (Underground gallery) VIRA Association (Romania) public discussion English 90 min
16:00	DIY Feminist Media Workshop (Terrace) Lespectra (Bulgaria) workshop English 90 min
17:00	Speculative Dialogues Between Artists Across Time (Underground gallery) Natalia Jordanova (Bulgaria) lecture Bulgarian or English 1 hour
18:00	We are hungry please (Terrace) Mia Momchilova & Ann Bo (Bulgaria) performance 20 min
18:30	Party & music (Terrace)
21:00	Giving back the blessings (Central atrium) Dance performance 40 min by Alina Belyagina Dancers: Veronika Tikhonova, Olena Polianska, Camila Mos, Uma Zuban Music: Dominik Lekavski Dramaturgical support: Kinga Szemessy Costume Design: Anya Chaika
11:00 – 21:00	DJ set by Ann Bo

Throughout the whole time

Book stand by Divolika (Terrace)

Women's Energy: The Power of Calling (Terrace)

Nelly Tomova (Bulgaria) in collaboration with CITUB | photo exhibition

It is not normal to hurt (Terrace)

Endometriosis Foundation (Bulgaria) | Device for simulation of menstrual cramps and discussion | Bulgarian and English

The Road to Safety: Interactive board game for victims of domestic violence (Terrace)

Aneliya Yoncheva and Tanya Genova (Bulgaria) | Bulgarian

Embracing nature (Green area)

Bozhana Slavkova (Bulgaria) | Yarn bombing art installation

The Hands That Hold Us (162 kindergarten Vihrogonche (side wall)

Orange Girl (Kosovo) | Mural

Our Sofia (162 kindergarten Vihrogonche (side wall)

Nada (Bulgaria and Romania) | Mural