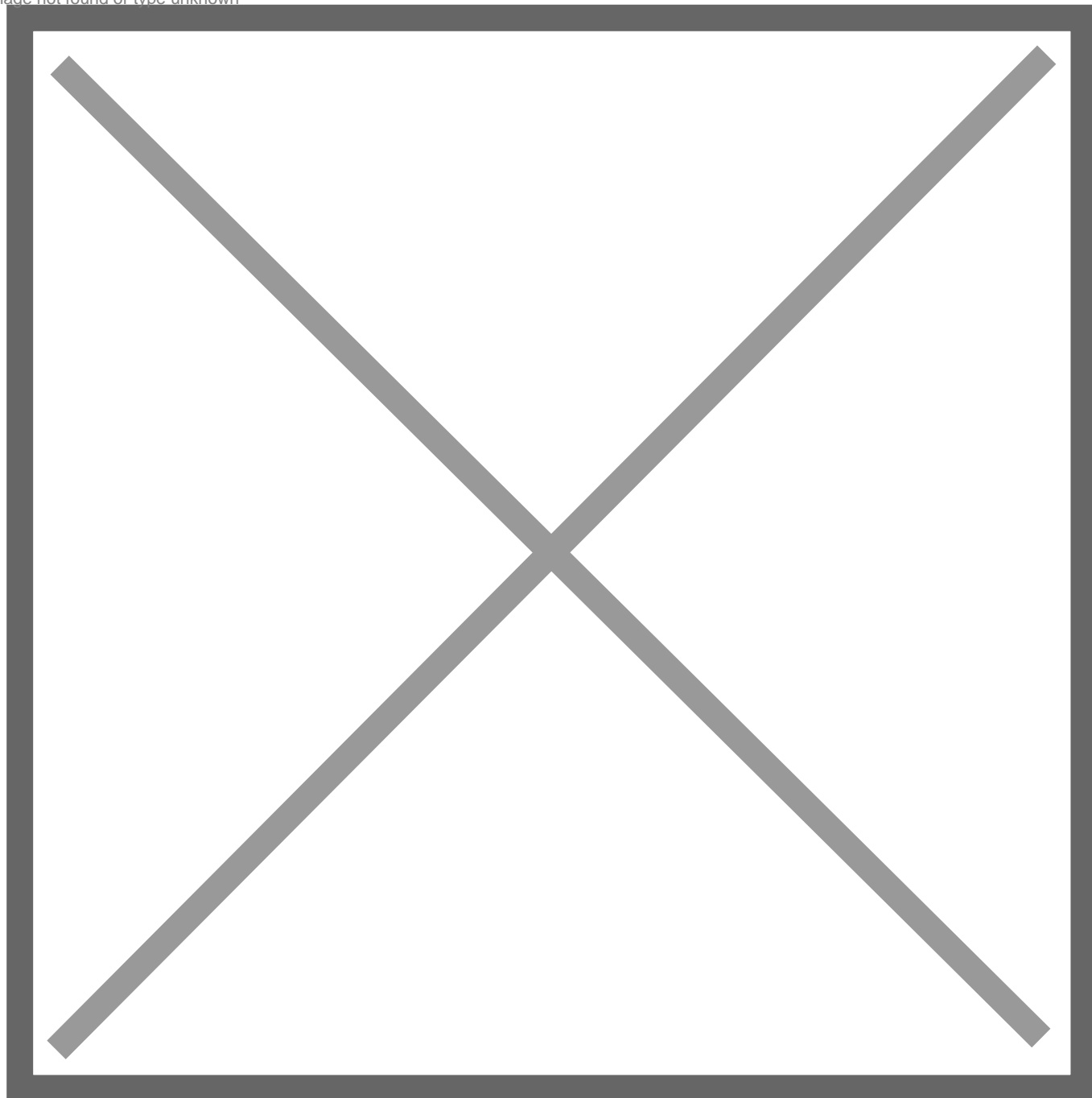


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Culture and Sports of Varna]

## Bulgaria

bul. "Knyaz Boris I" 115  
Varna (Province and Region) 9002 Varna

## Commission

1966

## Completion

1968

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## Original use

Sports/sports pavilion-cultural

## Current use

Sports/sports pavilion-cultural

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## Architects

Stefan Kolchev (head architect), Dimitar Stoyanov,  
Zhechko Cholakov and Virginia Popova

## Engineers

Petko Milev, Hristo Kolev, Docho Dochev, Stefan  
Chervenkov and Nikola Nikiforov

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## Concrete by reinforcement

Reinforced concrete

## Construction method

Cast-in-place concrete, in-situ concrete

## Architectural concrete

Architectural concrete

## Structural types

Two-dimensional/[cantilever] roof, [suspended] roof

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## Description

This multi-use building, opened in 1968, is a symbol of the city of Varna. It houses a complex program behind its clean exterior volumes: three multi-use halls for occasional sporting events, cultural celebrations and conferences. These uses are complemented by gyms, meeting rooms and conference rooms, leisure areas and a shopping center.

Part of this programmatic complexity is housed beneath a large podium. Its roof serves as the public space, providing access to the larger areas. There are three broad entrance halls combined into a compact volume under a single curved roof, which emerges from the podium and defines the image of the building towards the city. The large inclined columns that line the outside are a clear expression of the roof's cable-stayed structure.

The main program includes Kongresna Hall, with seating for 6,000 spectators and the largest of the interior spaces; Mladost Hall, which holds 1,800; and Hall 20, with capacity for 450 people. Following a complete renovation in 2015, the facilities are now prepared to host internationally relevant sporting competitions and cultural events.

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