

## Curriculum Vitae

### Personal information

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Nationality

Bulgarian

Date of birth

01 July 1977

Gender

Female

### Desired employment / Occupational field

**A mediator on the Panel of mediators to the Energy Community Dispute Resolution and Negotiation Centre**

### Work experience

Dates

From July 2010 - present

Occupation or position held

Senior Legal Counsel at:

- the cabinet of the CEO;
- Legal Department;
- Project Management Dept.;
- Electricity Trading Directorate;

Main activities and responsibilities

Court representation; Participation in the negotiation process of projects related to the activity of the Company, including a NPP project, Gorna Arda hydro power cascade etc.; Drafting of documentations related to provision of services, works and goods under Public Procurement Act and Grant Funds provided by the Kozloduy International Decommissioning Fund (Public Procurement in EBRD Projects); Legal advice on how to manage risks associated to contracts with suppliers, including analyses of insurances and collaterals/ securities; Taking part in the process of preparation of ToR for ESIA and ESIA itself under EBRD's Environmental and Social Policy and Procedures; Participation in the development and monitoring of procedures on conceptual consultant selection under the ongoing projects; Debriefing under EBRD PP&R, Mediation, International Arbitration etc.

### Name of employer

**National Electricity Company (NEK EAD), <http://www.nek.bg>**

Type of business or sector

Energy

Dates

2008 - 2010

Occupation or position held

Legal Expert at the Legal Regulation of the Electricity and Gas Sectors Dept.

Main activities and responsibilities	Court representation and dispute resolution; Legal assistance in preparing the Commission's resolutions, basic guidelines, common conditions of the contracts, rules on the work with energy services consumers; approval of division, separation, consolidation or merger of energy companies – licenses' holders under the EA; Participation in the licensing process in the cases provided under The Energy Act; outlining the aspects of exercising preventive, current and follow-up control under The Energy Act.
<b>Name of employer</b>	<b>State Energy &amp; Water Regulatory Commission, <a href="http://www.dker.bg">http://www.dker.bg</a></b>
Type of business or sector	Energy
Dates	2005 - 2008
Occupation or position held	Junior Legal Adviser
Main activities and responsibilities	Provision of legal aspects of cases, support of the Agency in the implementation of its regulatory and control functions in the use of nuclear energy and ionizing radiation and the safe management of radioactive waste and spent fuel; Maintenance of relations with governmental bodies and other organizations (Ministry of Health, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Environment and Water, Ministry of Defense, Customs, IAEA, WENRA, Jožef Stefan Institute and others); Drafting of licenses/ permits, contracts and reports; Representation of the Agency before the court institutions; Back-up of the Financial Controller etc.
<b>Name of employer</b>	<b>Bulgarian Nuclear Regulatory Agency, <a href="http://www.bnsa.bas.bg">http://www.bnsa.bas.bg</a></b>
Type of business or sector	Nuclear Energy
Dates	2000 - 2005
Occupation or position held	Trainer & facilitator
Main activities and responsibilities	Language trainer and culture facilitator of volunteers & trainees; participation in projects development
Name of employer	American Peace corps in Bulgaria
Type of business or sector	Education and Community development
Dates	From August 1999 to October 1999
Occupation or position held	Job under contract of mandate
Main activities and responsibilities	Preparation of a working meeting of the working group on Roma issues at Council of Europe
<b>Name of employer</b>	<b>National Employment Agency - Sofia</b>
Type of business or sector	International, Cultural and Public Relations
<b>Education</b>	
<b>Dates</b>	<b>October 1998 - December 2004</b>
Title of qualification awarded	Masters in Law
Principal subjects	Law, Public Administration & International Relations

Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Bulgaria
<b>Summer Schools and trainings</b>	
<b>Dates</b>	<b>July – August 2015</b>
Title of qualification awarded	Certificate of Attendance
Principal subjects	Summer Courses on Private International Law
Name of the organisation providing education and training	The Hague Academy of International Law
<b>Dates</b>	<b>2013, 2015</b>
Title of qualification awarded	Certificates in EBRD Procurement Essentials Training Programme to Strengthen the Capacity in Procurement of EBRD's Clients
Principal subjects	
Name of the organisation providing education and training	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
<b>Dates</b>	<b>July 2014</b>
Title of qualification awarded	Certificate
Principal subjects	Academy of European Law's General and Specialized courses on the Law of the European Union 2014
Name of the organisation providing education and training	European University Institute (EUI), Florence, Italy
<b>Dates</b>	<b>August – September 2011</b>
Title of qualification awarded	Certificate
Principal subjects	International School of Nuclear Law
Name of the organisation providing education and training	OECD Nuclear Energy Agency and IAEA with the cooperation of the University of Montpellier
<b>Dates</b>	2009-2010
Title of qualification awarded	Development of documents and training
Principal subjects	The Norwegian experiences Designing an Electricity Market with a PEX in the EU framework and Recommendations for Bulgaria
Name of the organisation providing education and training	Norway grants, Innovation Norway
<b>Dates</b>	<b>July 2007</b>
Title of qualification awarded	Certificate

Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Radiation safety for lawyers
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	IAEA Headquarters, Vienna, Austria
<b>Dates</b>	<b>September 2006</b>
Title of qualification awarded	Certificate
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Foundations of physical protection of nuclear facilities and materials
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	IAEA, Vienna with the cooperation of Jožef Stefan Institute
<b>Personal skills and competences</b>	
Mother tongue(s)	Bulgarian
Other language(s)	
English	Understanding: C2; Speaking: C2; Writing: C2
French	Understanding: A2; Speaking: A2; Writing: A2
Russian	Understanding: C1; Speaking: B2; Writing: B2
Communication skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Developed communication skills gained through experience as language trainer and culture facilitator for the American Peace corps in Bulgaria (2000 – 2005) as well as a state employee engaged in litigation and Licenses/ Permits issuing process;</li> </ul>
Computer skills	Microsoft Office tools
<b>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</b>	
Presentations/ Conferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Presentation “Legal aspects of the relationship between the Energy Regulator and the Commission on the Protection of Competition in Republic of Bulgaria”, March 11<sup>th</sup> 2010, Bucharest, ERRA Legal Regulation Working Group meeting;</li> <li>▪ Conference on the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources (IAEA Headquarters, Vienna, 26 - 28 May 2008); Participation in the Working meeting of the working group on Roma issues at Council of Europe (1999);</li> </ul>
Memberships	National Union of Jurisconsults of Bulgaria