

CURRICULUM VITAE

1. **Family name:** Georgiev
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3. **Date of birth:** January 19, 1957
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8. **Education:**

Institution (Date from - Date to)	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:
Sofia University, Sep 1978/Sep 1982	MA
Institute of Sociology, March 1983/March 1986	PhD
MARCOM Bulgarian-French School for Management, Dec 1989/July 1990	Second degree

9. **Language skills:** Indicate competence on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 - excellent; 5 - basic)

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
Bulgarian		MOTHER TONGUE	
English	1	1	1
French	1	2	2
Russian	1	2	2

10. **Membership of professional bodies:** None
11. **Other skills:** (e.g. Computer literacy, etc.) Computer literacy: Word; Excel, SPSS, Power Point, Microsoft Project
12. **Present position:** 1) Associate Professor in Sociology, Sofia University, 125, Tzarigradsko Shosse Av
13. **Years within the firm:** 24
14. **Key qualifications:** (Relevant to the project):
 - Successfully passed selection tests for EPSO/CAST/RELEX/4/08; advisor – op.sect. – social/cultural issues; CANDIDATE №865202
 - M&E Fundamentals Course – Global Health eLearning Center, November 2006
 - Training in Management of Privatization and Investment Funds - Central European University, Prague, 1995
 - Training in Management of Social and Pension Funds, Tel Aviv, 1997

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- Expertise in WB, UN, USAID, EU development project implementation in the area of social investment, human capital building, local infrastructure – day care, schools, health centers, water supply&sewage, institutions for disabled - rehabilitation, job generation, micro financing, minority integration and social cohesion, poverty combating.
- Expertise in WB and EU development project implementation in the area of institutional building and project M&E
- Expertise in USAID development project implementation in the area of corruption fighting, grey economy inclusive
- Specific expertise acquired in the following project types and project cycle functions:
 - Ex-ante & Ex-post Beneficiary assessment surveys
 - Project regulation elaboration
 - Procurement
 - Project Monitoring&Evaluation
 - Preparation of Grant Scheme General Guidelines under PHARE Program and World Bank Projects
 - Preparation of Project Appraisal Documents, Operations Manuals and Schemes of Proposal Evaluation
 - Direct financing of community based development projects
 - Building capacity with NGO and civil society structures
 - Management Information System designing
 - Budget planning
 - Project performance assessment
 - Personnel policy
 - General management

15. Specific experience in the region:

Country	Date from - Date to
Bulgaria	1992 – nowadays

16. Professional experience

From - Date to	Location	Company & reference person ¹ (name & contact details)	Position	Description
- nowadays	Bulgaria	Sofia University; Associate Professor Petia Kabakchieva, Tel/Fax ++359 2 8706260	Associate Professor	Course of lectures on theory of organization, organizational behavior, personnel policy and assessment, corporate governance, strategic management
December 2012 – January 2013	Bulgaria	Balkan Institute for Labor and Social Policy, Sofia, Mr Ivan Neikov, Director, Tel ++359 887 360171	External Assessor	Assessing project proposals under the Thematic Fund <i>Reform Fund Linked to Civil Society Participation</i> administered by a Swiss Intermediate Body (Consortium of Innova Bridge Foundation, Switzerland; Neosys Ltd, Switzerland and Balkan Institute for Labor and Social Policy, Bulgaria applying the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - assessment of relevance to the objectives and the focus of the CSP Block Grant Scheme - Relevance of the proposed interventions - assessment of project quality (intervention logic, indicator setting, logframe, networking, risk management, budgeting, cost effectiveness) - assessment of organizational capacity - sustainability of project outcomes

¹ The Contracting Authority reserves the right to contact the reference persons. If you have any objection to this fact, kindly state so and provide a justification

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2010- June 2012	Bulgaria	World Bank Sofia Office, Mr Petar Pojarski, Operations Officer, Human Development Tel ++359 2 9697258	STC	Assignment related to rolling out Ministry of Labor and Social Policy's Social Inclusion Project funded through a loan by WB. Activities assigned: 1) Preparation of a) Operation Manual; b) Sourcebook and attending documentation; c) Monitoring and impact evaluation procedure arrangements; d) Monitoring&Evaluation Plan, e) Baseline Study TOR; f) MIS TOR; g) TORs for Training subcomponent; 2) Lending methodological support in carrying out baseline study and rolling out M&E activities; 3) Lending technical assistance to the Implementing Agency (MLSP)
number 2009- number 2009	Bulgaria	Fact Agency, Bulgaria, Mr Valentin Jechev, Director, 00359 885 581215	Consultant	Preparatory study for setting public private partnerships with the National Park of Russenski Lom, Russe
number 2007 – number 2008	Bulgaria	S.I.C.I. Dominus, Spain, Mr Javier Alahija, Project Director, Tel ++34958523544, fax ++34958265404	Key Expert	Coordinator for the PHARE funded project <i>Technical Assistance to the Implementation of Project Activities and Institutional Set-up for Disadvantaged Ethnic Minorities Issues with Special Focus on Roma</i> . In charge of assisting Project Manager in IR preparation, preparing concept of organization building, Rules of Procedure and information system functionality for the Directorate of Ethnic and Demographic Issues to the Council of Ministers of Republic of Bulgaria
March – number 2007	Bulgaria	Sofia Municipality, Mr Ivan Neikov, Municipal Councilor, Tel ++359 887 360171	Consultant	Elaboration of Project Documentation for two Sofia Municipality run funds – Culture and Green Sofia Funds. The documentation comprises regulations and methodology of project cycle management, such as Steering Committee Drill Regulation, methodology of project identification, assessment and implementation, monitoring and control, coupled with relevant annexes.

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November 2007	Bulgaria	S.I.C.I. Dominus, Spain, Mr Javier Alahija, Project Director, Tel ++34958523544, ax ++34958265404	STE	PHARE Project <i>Technical Assistance to the Institute for Public Administration and European Integration (IPAEI) in Designing Training Programs and Training of Representatives of Minority and Vulnerable Groups</i> . Elaboration of training material (Concept Note, manuals and presentations) and carrying out training in national and EU budgeting, and EU Social Agenda of 150 target group representatives. The task assigned requested good understanding of human rights framework, especially concerning the rights of people with disabilities.
- May 2007	Bulgaria	Vitosha Research Agency, Dr Alexander Stoyanov, Tel ++359 888 327575	Consultant	Carrying out Social Assessment of a Gold Concession Project to be implemented by Dundee Precious Metals, Inc in South East Bulgaria. The scope of the assignment aims at assessing the net effects for the local community of developing gold processing facilities in the region. The social assessment implies analyzing qualitative and quantitative data based on desk work and field surveys.
ary 2007 – ch 2007-	Bulgaria	Paideia Foundation, Sofia, Ms Maria Donkova, Director, ++359 2 8438687	Team Leader	Carrying out desk and field survey on decentralization strategy in managing the Sofia Municipality's schools. Addressing the main shareholders the project aims at establishing good practices and telltale strains in devolving powers to local administrations and school directors and managing teams concerning school budgeting, enrolment planning, curriculum planning, providing equal opportunities for all social and ethnic groups, quality of education, local community participation, prioritization of immediate school needs. The project services the elaboration and fine tuning of a Plan of Sofia Municipality Education Strategy Implementation, 2007.

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2006 – July 2006	Bulgaria	Vitosha Research Company, Ltd, Sofia on behalf of WB, Dr Alexander Stoyanov, Tel ++359 888 327575	Consultant	<p>Carrying out desk and field surveys and elaborating a comprehensive evaluation report concerning the World Bank's role in Bulgaria over the period of 2000-2005. The project has been brought about on the demand of the Independent Evaluation Group with the World Bank within the scope of a worldwide evaluation of the World Bank's role in the Middle Income Countries (MIC). The purpose of this assignment was to gather client perspectives, and evidence from the field, on the particular experience of Bank support to Bulgaria. Evidences from Bulgaria and the clients in Bulgaria have been produced to analyze:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) How relevant and effective have the Bank's country programs been in meeting MICs' development objectives and reducing poverty? 2) To what extent has the Bank tailored its programs to meet these different challenges? 3) How effectively does the Bank use knowledge sharing in its engagement with MICs? 4) To what extent has the Bank's support to MICs helped them contribute to identified global priorities and initiatives?
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and June 29
Sep 8 2005

Bulgaria

Bulgarian Social
Investment Fund
(BSIF), Ms **Curriculum vitae**
Christina
Christova, Labour
Minister (2003-
2005) Tel ++359
898771003

Executive
Director,

The BSIF is a successor of the pilot project and institution of Regional Initiatives Fund. Being a quasi-financial institution the BSIF invests in active measures in labor market, social and technical infrastructure, business support and social capital building. Participation in the elaboration of the BSIF's regulations – BSIF Act, by-laws, organizational structure, strategy elaboration and personnel recruitment.

Over the period of 2003 – 2009 the BSIF is in charge of the implementation of Social Investment and Employment Promotion Project. It is a joint project of the World Bank and Ministry of Labor and Social Policy capitalized with EUR 66 m as EUR 50.8 m of them are being a loan to the GOB lent by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Project preparation includes a comprehensive analysis of national social and employment generation policy, social assistance schemes incl., national poverty eradication strategy.

In a capacity of BSIF Executive Director formally committed and practically involved in the whole project cycle of implementation, incl. beneficiary assessment based on ex-ante and ex-post field surveys, monitoring and evaluation of current performance, personnel recruitment, training and assessment, developing the Management Information System, developing Fund's portfolio and training prospective contenders for financing. Participation in the preparation of Loan Agreement and project documentation such as Operations Manual, Project Appraisal Document, Procurement Plan, Finance and Administrative Manual. Creating the project management's organizational structure and technical arrangements and adapting them to the BSIF's organizational structure and Bulgarian environment was a challenging task. Practical participation in setting up the operational arrangements of direct financing local communities and capacity building with their organizations.

Knowledge acquired of: process of training and facilitation; drafting proposals and proposal evaluation, formalization of project management cycle and its incorporation in a Management Information System; design of Management Information System; elaboration of Monitoring and Evaluation Plan; elaboration and implementation of Procurement Plan

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2004 - to : 30 2004	Bulgaria	World Bank Sofia Office, Mr Petar Pojarski, Operations Officer, Human Development Tel ++359 2 9697258	STC	Monitoring and evaluation of Bulgarian Social Investment Fund's operations on WB Sofia Mission's behalf. Preparing an operational system of monitoring the fulfillment of Key Performance Indicators as laid down by The Project Appraisal Document. In cooperation with IT designing the integrated Management Information System of the Social Investment and Employment Promotion Project. Preparing documentations of ex-ante and ex-post evaluation of the Project impact. Practical knowledge acquired of monitoring sub-projects under implementation in accordance with Key Performance Matrix.
003 - to Dec 1 2003	Bulgaria	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, Ms Christina Christova, Labour Minister (2003-2005) Tel ++359 898771003	Coordinator to the Minister	Coordination of Social Investment Fund's operations and stakeholders' activities on behalf of the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy.
003 – Sept 2003	Bulgaria	Center for the Study of Democracy, Dr Ognian Shentov, Tel ++359 2 9713000	Coordinator	Coordination of activities under the Coalition 2000 Project. Coalition 2000 is a joint project of Center for the Study of Democracy and USAID, financed by USAID. The Project aims at analyzing the main groups of corrupt practices in economy and politics and respective means to counteract them. Direct contacts with local NGO and building capacity of corruption combating; implementation of Small Grant NGO Run Projects under the USAID regulations.

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002 – March 2003	Bulgaria	FAS International, Ireland, GET German Education and Training GmbH, Ms Heike Pratsch, Project Coordinator, Tel ++49 221 937430, Fax ++49 221 937435	Local Project Coordinator	PHARE funded Project of Background Survey on <i>Urbanization and Housing in Roma Neighborhoods, Bulgaria</i> . Through investigating the housing stock and urban development in the main Roma neighborhoods in the country the survey lays grounds for prospective investment projects to improve living conditions of Roma minority. Based on detailed statistical analysis and field survey data the Project lays grounds to a National Program of Improving Roma Living Conditions, which relates to the EC Third Report on Economic and Social Cohesion. Work with Roma NGO and building capacity with Roma communities to identify their living standard issues and apply for funding under international programs.
002 – Aug 2003	Bulgaria	Balkan Institute for Labor and Social Policy, Sofia, Mr Ivan Neikov, Director, Tel ++359 887 360171	Local Expert	PHARE funded Project of <i>Clearing the Path to Employment of Youth, Bulgaria</i> . Through investigating youth labor status and labor demand side the survey seeks to identify relevant opportunities for stimulating youth employment. SWOT analysis has been carried out analyzing the economic and social perspectives of youth employment policy as an integral part of the National Employment Plan. Preparation of Project General Guidelines, incl. Tender Documentation, Evaluation Grid, Application Form, Logical Framework.
001 – May 2002	Bulgaria	Balkan Institute for Labor and Social Policy, Sofia, Mr Ivan Neikov, Director, Tel ++359 887 360171	Local Expert	PHARE funded Project of Survey on Labor Force and <i>Employment Stimulating Policy, Bulgaria</i> . Based on SWOT the Project investigates demand and supply sides of labor market in the six Planning Regions and sets up specific employment generating policies consistent with the National Development Plan. Preparation of Project General Guidelines, incl. Tender Documentation, Evaluation Grid, Application Form, Logical Framework.

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99 – March 1999	Bulgaria	SIGMA, France See: http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/31/28/1849676.pdf	Local Consultant	Preparation of Country Report on the progress of Civil services and State Administrations reforms under EU assignment.
1998 – June 2002	Bulgaria	UNDP managing the project of Regional Initiatives Fund (RIF), Ms Maria Zlatareva, Tel ++359 2 9696126	Executive Director	<p>The Regional Initiatives Fund is a joint project of Ministry of Labor and Social Policy of Bulgaria, World Bank, USAID and UNDP. The Fund has been operative since July 1998 with a budget amounting to USD 21 m. A number of 256 microprojects (infrastructure - 219, innovative -19, credit – 18) had been funded till June 2002 under the RIF Project. Grant schemes for developing local social and technical infrastructure and credit guarantee schemes for supporting SME and sustainable job generation were elaborated and successfully applied.</p> <p>Directly in charge of project cycle management; personnel recruitment, training, assessment and promotion; servicing WB Special Account, procurement and securing accountability and transparency of RIF activities. Participation in elaboration of the RIF regulations and technical arrangements – Operations Manual, Procurement Plan, Finance and Administrative Manual, Project Appraisal Document, Target Strategy, Fund's portfolio, Management Information System, Information and Training Campaign Guidelines, Monitoring and Evaluation System</p>
1998 -Oct 1998	Bulgaria	UNDP managing the project of Regional Initiatives Fund (RIF), Ms Maria Zlatareva, Tel ++359 2 9696126	Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator	Monitoring and Evaluation Coordinator is in charge of: 1) setting up system of internal control of operational procedures; 2) evaluation of RIF outcomes based on Project Key Performance Indicators. Participation in institutionalizing the M&E procedures through setting up administrative structures centrally and locally. Based on statistical and individual information from beneficiaries' organizations and contractor a comprehensive monitoring system was instituted. The foundations of an integrated Management Information System including Monitoring and Evaluation modules were laid.
1998 – July 1998	Bulgaria	UNDP Bulgaria, Ms Maria Zlatareva, Tel ++359 2 9696126	Consultant	Preparation of Regional Initiative Fund (RIF) documentation: Operation Manual, Project document, Grant Scheme and Target and Allocation Strategy

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1997 – Oct 1997	Bulgaria	UNDP Bulgaria, Ms Maria Zlatareva, Tel ++359 2 9696126	Consultant	Work under UNDP <i>Employment and Sustainable Livelihood Project</i> . In charge of identification of new job opportunities in economically disadvantaged regions in Bulgaria.
1995-Oct 1995	Bulgaria	Elitinvest & Consult, Ltd, N/A The bank in question wound up in 1996	Managing Director	Consulting feasibility studies and business plans preparation; Preparation of a voucher privatization portfolio for Elitbank, Plc

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Other relevant information (e.g., Publications)

Power and Inequality under Socialism, Sofia 1990

Communities – Our Home, Sofia 1992

In Search of Efficiency, Sofia 1994

How are political decisions being made?, Sociology Review, Year I, N: 2, Sofia 2009

On the Public Administration's Effectiveness, Sociology Review, Year II, N:2, Sofia 2010

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