

**EUROPEAN
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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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WORK/TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Dates (from – to) 2003 to present
- Name and address of employer Economic Department – Sofia University
 - Type of business or sector Teaching
 - Occupation or position held Professor
- Main activities and responsibilities Teaching to post graduate students

- Dates (from – to) 1996 -2002
- Name and address of employer Institute of Agrarian Economy – Academy of Agriculture Research
 - Type of business or sector Researcher
 - Occupation or position held Researcher
- Main activities and responsibilities Research in the field of Bulgarian agrarian economy

- Dates (from – to) 1977-1995
- Name and address of employer Academy of Agriculture Administration
 - Type of business or sector Administrator
 - Occupation or position held Administrator
- Main activities and responsibilities Administrative tasks

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Dates 1981-86
- Name and type of organization providing education and training Institute of National and International Economy
- Principal subjects/occupational skills covered Foreign trade
- Title of qualification awarded Ph.D.

- Dates
- Name and type of organization providing education and training
- Principal subjects/occupational skills covered
- Title of qualification awarded

PERSONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Acquired in the course of life and career but not necessarily covered by formal certificates and diplomas

1972-77

Institute of National and International Economy

Foreign trade

M.Sc. and B.Sc.

Excellent knowledge and practical experience in projects targeted at agriculture and rural development in Bulgaria:

- planning, design, management and implementation of assistance schemes for rural areas and agriculture;
- monitoring and evaluation of EU/international funded programmes and projects at managerial level;
- Extensive experience in EC PHARE and SAPARD project work – needs/SWOT analysis, financial allocation/management and assessment;
- Knowledge of EU pre-accession instruments, rules and procedures incl. Structural Funds implementation in EU member states and Community Common Framework for Monitoring and Evaluation;
- Knowledge of European Commission documents related to Rural Development strategies and Agriculture development of EU countries, incl. EC Guidelines for Ex-ante Evaluation of Rural Development, Community Strategic Guidelines for Rural Development, Council Regulation 1698/2006 on Support of Rural Development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural development
- Experience to work with institutions on governmental and regional level on assistance schemes for rural development and agriculture, excellent communications and networking skills.
- Experience in projects for capacity building and training of public administration in rural areas

MOTHER TONGUE

BULGARIAN

OTHER LANGUAGES

- Reading skills
- Writing skills
- Verbal skills

ENGLISH

excellent
excellent,
good

OTHER LANGUAGES

- Reading skills
- Writing skills
- Verbal skills

FRENCH

excellent,
excellent
good

OTHER LANGUAGES

- Reading skills
- Writing skills
- Verbal skills

RUSSIAN

excellent
excellent
good

Living and working with other people, incl. in multicultural environments

SOCIAL SKILLS
AND COMPETENCES

ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES Coordination and administration of people, projects and budgets

TECHNICAL SKILLS and competences MICROSOFT

ARTISTIC SKILLS AND COMPETENCES NA

OTHER SKILLS AND COMPETENCES DRIVING LICENSE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

ANNEX: 1

Publications: Over 200 articles in Bulgarian scientific magazines

Participation in some recent projects

2006-07 Bulgaria

Technical assistance for the Preparation of the Rural Development Program 2007-2013 and its monitoring system

Main components: The project aims to assist the Bulgarian Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry to administer the grants under the CAP for the development of rural areas in Bulgaria.

Position: Key expert on Axe 1: Competitiveness

2006 Bulgaria

Client: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
Up-date of the Mid-term evaluation of the SAPARD Program in Bulgaria

Main components: The project aimed to examine and analyse the results of the SAPARD Program in the period 2000-2006.

Position: Key expert on Measure “Processing and Marketing of Agricultural and Fish Products”

Client: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

- 2004** **Bulgaria** **Rural Development Project**
- Main components:** The project aimed at identifying the components and the mechanism for absorbing a loan of approximately 50 mln. USD for infrastructure investment and institutional development. One of the main goals of the project was to strengthen central and local governments and their ability to absorb SAPARD and later structural funds of the EU.
- Position:** Project coordinator
- Client:** The World Bank
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- 2003** **Bulgaria** **Rural Development Needs Assessment**
- Main components:** The World Bank intended to support the rural sector in the country. In order to capture a comprehensive picture of the constraints, needs and priorities of the rural population a qualitative in-depth survey was carried. It aimed at examining the needs of rural households and small farmers and designing the policy measures to remove the key obstacles to rural growth and facilitate beneficiary access to SAPARD funds.
- Position:** National consultant
- Client:** The World Bank
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- 2003-2004** **Capacity Building for Sustainable Delivery of Agribusiness Advice to Market-oriented Farmers**
- Main components:** The project assisted the National Agriculture Advisory Service in the development and implementation of an effective overall strategy for support services to farmers and rural communities and to determine a suitable plan for the promotion of self-help systems within the rural community to increase the responsiveness of the advisory service, through mobilizing the trained advisory teams
- Position:** National consultant
- Client:** FAO
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- 2002-2003** **Rural Regions: Overcoming Development Disparities**

Main components: Analysis of the economic and social development of rural areas in Bulgaria, formulation of the development difficulties and formulation of suggestions for solving the problems and promoting sustainable growth of rural economy

Position: Team leader

Client: UNDP

2002-2003

Black Sea Regional Commodity Exchange Initiative

Main components: The objective of the project was to identify the major problems and to recommend policy measures for the fully functioning of an efficient regional grain market in 5 Balkan countries – Bulgaria, Romania, Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey.

Position: Assistant Manager

Client: USAID

2001-2002

Monitoring of Bulgaria's accession to the EU

Main components: Monitoring of the process of Bulgaria's accession to the EU, identifying the difficulties and suggesting policy measures for integrating the local economy to the European economy

Position: Team leader in agriculture and food industry

Client: Forum for European Policy and Chatham House

2001-2002

Preparation of Detailed Measures for the National Rural Development Plan under the SAPARD Program in Bulgaria

Main components: The overall purpose of the Technical assistance was to support the National Agricultural and Rural Development Plan in developing policy and programme measures in Improvement of vocational training and Setting up producer groups

Position: National consultant on structural funds

Client: Commission of the EU, PHARE

2000-2001

Preparation of Detailed Measures for the National Rural Development Plan under the SAPARD Program in Bulgaria

Main components: The overall objective of the technical assistance was to support the National Agricultural and Rural Development Plan in developing policy and programme measures in Investments in agricultural holdings, Improving the marketing and processing of agricultural products and Development and diversification of economic activities

Position: National consultant on marketing and processing industry

Client: Commission of the EU, PHARE

2000

Review of Agricultural Policies of Bulgaria

Main components: Survey of the agricultural policy in Bulgaria in the 1990's and policy recommendations in the context of the country's accession to the EU

Position: National consultant

Client: OECD