

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Stefan Ivanov



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Sex Male | Date of birth 09.01.1957 | Nationality Bulgarian

WORK EXPERIENCE

From 1982 – present

Associate Professor

Economic Research Institute at BAS, “Regional development and environment” department (Sofia 1000, 3 Aksakov Str.)

▪ Scientific research
Business or sector Economic Research

Selected research projects:

Financial instruments in implementing municipal investment projects

Efficient range of municipal public services

Annual report 2017 – economic development and policies in Bulgaria – evaluation and perspectives

Local finance in Bulgaria – goals and relation with the social and economic development of municipalities

Annual report 2015 – economic development and policies in Bulgaria – evaluation and perspectives

Social and economic analyses for the Operational programme Regional development 2014 – 2020

Research interests:

Local finances and inter-government transfers; local fees and taxes; cost estimation; reform towards fiscal decentralization; delegated budgets; regional development and regional policy; strategic planning and elaboration of plans and programs; training of public officials; monitoring and assessment of programs and projects; management of programs and projects.

From 2010 - present

Professor

Trakia University (Stara Zagora 6000, Studentski Grad)

▪ Training students – Bachelors and Masters in regional government, local finance, European programs and projects

Business or sector Higher education

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

14.05.1999-28.05.1999

Short-term specialization in “Local Finance and Intergovernmental Transfers”

Research Triangle Institute (North Carolina, USA)

Period: 14.05.1999-28.05.1999

13.10.1997-31.10.1997

Training of Trainers Course

World Learning (Washington D.C., USA)

Period: 13.10.1997-31.10.1997

04.1996-09.1996

Fellowship in “Local Finance”

Universite Paris I, ROSES (Paris, France)

Period: 04.1996-09.1996

: 01.1991-07.1995 **Ph.D. degree (Economics), Thesis: “Financial Base of Local Government”**
 Institute of Economics at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria
 Period: 01.1991-07.1995

10/1976-07/1980 **M.Sc. in Economics**
 University of National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria
 Period: 10/1976-07/1980

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s) **Bulgarian**

Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
French	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
Replace with name of language certificate. Enter level if known.					
English	C1	C1	B2	B2	C1
Replace with name of language certificate. Enter level if known.					

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2 Proficient user

Communication skills **Good communication skills gained through participation in and management of projects (enlisted below)**

Organisational / managerial skills **Extensive experience as a project manager and team leader**

Digital skills	SELF-ASSESSMENT				
	Information processing	Communication	Content creation	Safety	Problem solving
	Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user	Proficient user

Levels: Basic user - Independent user - Proficient user

Good command of office suite (word processor, spread sheet, presentation software)

Driving license **Category B**

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Publications
 Participation in research projects

(I) Books (selected):

(1) Territorial disparities in Bulgaria – tendencies, factors and policies (co-author), chapter two “Financial disparities between the territorial units and policies for their regulation”, BAS, 2010.

(2) Stefan Ivanov. Mechanism for equalizing inter-municipal financial disparities”,

Stara Zagora, 2012

(3) Stefan Ivanov, State financial policy and local government, pages 95-114, in Economic development and policies in Bulgaria – assessments and expectations, annual report for 2013 of the Economic Research Institute at BAS, Sofia, 2013.

(4) Stefan Ivanov. Government decentralization policy – expectations, results, trends, pages 81-92 in Economic development and policies in Bulgaria – assessments and expectations, annual report for 2015 of the Economic Research Institute at BAS, Sofia, 2015.

(5) Stefan Ivanov. Decentralization and financial condition of the municipalities, in Economic development and policies in Bulgaria – assessments and expectations, annual report of ERI at BAS, Sofia, 2017, Gorex Press, pages 93-114, ISBN 978-954-616-270-0, ISSN 1314-8893

(6) Ivanov St. Comparative analysis of the local finance systems in the EU countries – conclusions and lessons for Bulgaria, of the Economic Research of BAS, 2017, book 4.

Participation in research projects:

1. Elaboration of a unified standard for the social service “foster care”, UNICEF, 2020
2. “Training in capacity building of municipal officials in the field of local fees and taxes and municipal budgets” within the framework of project of NAMRB №BG05SFOP001-2.004-0002-C01/22.12.2016 “Trainings for improvement of the capacity of municipal officials” financed by Operational Program “Good Governance”, 2017-2018, Team leader.
3. “Elaboration and provision of flexible costing models and financing of social services, including different sources and a mechanism for introduction of the “money follows the client” principle”, finance by Operational Program “Human resources development”, 2017.
4. “Monitoring/assessment of the implementation of module “Optimization of the internal structure of the schools, kindergartens and dormitories” under the National Program “Optimization of the school network” in 2015 under contract Д03-155/3.12.2015 with the Ministry of education and science, project leader
5. Mechanism for calculation of the needs for development of the service foster care, assigned by UNICEF, Bulgaria, February 2016
6. Elaboration of a “Plan for financial recovery for the period 30.06.2016 – 30.06.2019” of the municipalities Banite and Nedelino, under contracts with the respective municipalities
7. Elaboration of a monitoring report for assessment of the results from the execution of the Program for implementation of the Strategy for decentralization for 2014, MRDPW, 2015
8. System for financing of the high schools in Bulgaria, report under a contract with the MES, 2015
9. “Consultancy services for improvement of the micro framework of

municipal finances and of local government systems” within the framework of project “Strengthening the capacity of NAMRB and of the Bulgarian municipalities through cooperation with the local authorities in Norway”, financed by Program 11 “Capacity building and institutional cooperation”, Norwegian financial mechanism 2009-2014, 2014-2015, team leader

10. Monitoring, analysis and assessment of the Program for optimization of the school network in 2014, MES, 2014-2015, team leader
11. “Elaboration of a monitoring report for assessment of the results from the for implementation of the Strategy for decentralization for 2013, MRDPW, 2014
12. “Elaboration of a mechanism for reporting the activity and financing of the social service “Center of community support”, for UNICEF, assigned by Social Assistance Agency, 2014.
13. Training of teachers and trainers in secondary schools for application of the model of “all-day organization of the teaching process” under project BG051PO001-3.1.06 “Improvement of the quality of education in secondary schools by introducing an all-day organization of the teaching process”, 2013-2014.
14. Training of trainers and educators in middle schools in the application of the model of “all-day application organization of the learning process” within the framework of project BG051PO001-3.1.06 “Improvement of the quality of education in middle schools through the introduction of all-day organization of the learning process, 2013-2014.
15. “Improvement of the municipal capacity in the field of local finances through training”, within the framework of project K12-22-1/29.09.2012 “Improvement of the municipal capacity for provision of public services” under Operational program “Administrative capacity”, NAMRB, 2013-2014, project leader
16. “Organization and conducting training of directors of kindergartens and newly hired school directors for working with delegated budgets and logistical support of the trainees and trainers” within the framework of project BG051PO001-3.1.03-0001 “Qualification of pedagogical specialists”, under Operational program “Human resources development”, MES, 2013, project leader
17. Monitoring, analysis and assessment of the Program for optimization of the school network in 2012, Ministry of education, youth and science, 2012-2013, project leader
18. Financing of services, provided by the Family Counseling Center of UNICEF, 2012
19. “Elaboration of a monitoring report for assessment of the results from the for implementation of the Strategy for decentralization for 2011, MRDPW, 2012, project leader
20. Elaboration of a monitoring report for assessment of the results from the for implementation of the Strategy for decentralization for 2010, MRDPW, 2011, project leader

21. Analysis and assessment of the social services provided by the family-type accommodation center and the Know-how center for alternative child care at NBU, 2012, project leader
22. Local authorities in the conditions of a crisis – solutions and problems, Bulgarian report, presented at the international conference “The municipalities after the crisis – solutions and problems”, organized by NAMRB, the Council of Europe and the “Open Society” foundation, 7-8.07.2011, author of the report
23. Financing of social services in the community for people with disabilities, UNICEF, 2010
24. “Preparation of training materials and conducting trainings of directors, deputy directors and accountants for working with delegated budgets and consulting the application of delegated budgets within the framework of project “Supporting the introduction of delegated budgets” under the scheme BG051PO001/3.2-02 “Supporting the introduction of delegated budgets” under Operational Program “Human Resources Development” (OP HRD), MEYS, 2010.

ANNEXES

Professional experience (detailed)

<i>Date: from (month/year) – to (month/year)</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Organization</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>Responsibilities</i>
From 2010 – present	Stara Zagora, Bulgaria	Trakia University	Professor	Training students – Bachelors and Masters in regional government, local finance, European programs and projects
From 1982 - present	Sofia, Bulgaria	Economic Research Institute at BAS, “Regional development and environment” department	Associate Professor	Scientific research
1990 - present	Sofia, Bulgaria	Club “Economika 2000”	Director of regional research center	Management and participation in projects
1996 – 2017	Sofia, Bulgaria	Sofia Consulting Group	Chairman	Management and participation in projects
1997 – 2006	Sofia, Bulgaria	Program “Local Government Initiative” of AAMP	Consultant	Scientific research and analytical activity; consultancy services; activities relating to the preparation of legal amendments in the field of local finances

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1999 – 2004	Sofia, Bulgaria	National Association of the Municipalities of Republic Bulgaria	Financial expert to the management board	Analytical activity and consultancy services in the field of local finances
1999 – 2004	Sofia, Bulgaria	National Association of the Municipalities of Republic Bulgaria	Member of the group for negotiations with the Ministry of Finance	Analytical activity and consultancy services for determining the policy relating to government transfers to the municipalities
2002-2004	Sofia, Bulgaria	Council of Ministers of Republic Bulgaria	Member of the working group on fiscal decentralization	Determining the policy relating to the fiscal decentralization; preparation of legal amendments
2002 – 2009	Sofia, Bulgaria	Ministry of Education	Member of an inter-departmental group for elaboration of the standards for financing of educational institutions	Analytical activity and preparation of legal amendments
2004 - 2005	Sofia, Bulgaria	Ministry of Finance	Member of an inter-departmental group for monitoring and assessment of the financial decentralization	Analytical activity
02-04/2006	Sofia, Bulgaria	Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works	Member of an inter-departmental group for elaboration of a strategy and program for decentralization	Analytical activity and preparation of legal amendments