



## Europass Curriculum Vitae

### PERSONAL INFORMATION



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GENDER	Male

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

#### Education

Dates	1988 – 1990
Title of qualification awarded	Ph.D. in Economics
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Theme of dissertation: "Social needs of the population"
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Institute of Economics at the Bulgarian Academy of Science
Level in national or international classification	Ph.D.
Dates	1974 – 1978
Title of qualification awarded	Master's Degree in Economics
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Compulsory and elective courses in "Management and planning of the national economy"
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	University of National and World Economy (Sofia, Bulgaria),
Level in national or international classification	Master's
<b>Specific training experience</b>	
Dates	May, 2002
Qualification	NISPACee (Network of Institutions and Schools for Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe) – Bratislava, Slovak Republic: "ToT for experienced trainers from CEEC"
Country	Slovak Republic
Dates	November, 2000

Qualification	USAID-LGI Program: Methodological Workshop “Design of training seminars” (for experienced trainers)
Country	Bulgaria
Dates	1996-2002
Qualification	Local Government Initiative – LGI Program in Bulgaria: Many certificates for successful participation in ToT and ToToT (Training of Trainers of Trainers) seminars on various topics
Country	Bulgaria
Dates	06/2001-2002
Qualification	Training on Project Management and Capacity Building under Regional Investment Project – RIP, Financed by USAID and managed by BAH and Club “Economika 2000”
Country	Hungary
Dates	09-10/1998
Qualification	World Learning - Washington, Institute for Training and Development (ITD), Amherst, MA, USA: Short-term post-graduate visitor – “Design of training programs and training delivery”.
Country	USA

**AREA OF SCIENTIFIC INTERESTS**

**Over 40 years of research and consulting experience in the following areas:**

- **Social issues** - social policy, social security and social assistance, minimum incomes benefits, social inclusion, social protection of the population, labour market, preparation of social laws;
- Economic development and human resource development;
- Strategic planning at the regional and national level.
- Experience in the preparation of laws and strategic documents in the social sphere (poverty alleviation and social welfare, security system, human resources, etc.).
- Over 40 years of experience in conducting socio-economic studies and analyses using various quantitative and qualitative methods.
- Over 20 years of experience gained in the preparation, analyses and evaluations of projects, programs and policies in the social sphere - social assistance and social insurance.

**Personal skills**

Mother tongue(s) Bulgarian

Other language(s)

Self-assessment

*European level (\*)*

French

English

Russian

Understanding		Speaking		Writing					
Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Spoken production			
	C1		C1		C1		C1		B2
	C1		C1		C1		B2		B2
	C1		C1		C1		C1		C1

(\*) [\*Common European Framework of Reference for Languages\*](#)

Social skills and competences

Extensive experience in managing projects and teams, excellent communication skills, experience in working with various stakeholders and as a professional trainer and facilitator.

Organisational skills and competences

Experience in managing multiple projects in the field of social policy, regional development and training of government officials and NGOs.  
Management experience in the field of social policy (Ministry of Labour and Social Policy and the Council of Ministers).

Computer skills and competences

Microsoft Office (Excel, Word, Power Point and others)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

Dates	1981 – Present
Occupation or position held	<b>Professor on social insurance and social assistance</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	Scientific research in the area of social policy (political economy, empirical analysis and assessment of social assistance of the poor, social care services and pension insurance modernization); regional development (monitoring of territorial social disparities)
Name and address of employer	Economic Research Institute - Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, 1040, Sofia, 3 Aksakov Str.
Type of business or sector	Scientific Research – Social protection (Social Assistance for the poor people; Social Insurance); Living Standard; Regional Socio- economic disparities.
Dates	2015 – Present
Occupation or position held	<b>Professor</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	Development and delivery of lectures on social protection, social inclusion and project cycle management for students (Bachelors and Masters)
Name and address of employer	Plovdiv University “Paisiy Hilendarski” (Bulgaria)
Type of business or sector	High Education
Dates	11/1994– 02/1995
Occupation or position held	<b>Chief Secretary of Ministry of Labor And Social Policy - MLSP</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	<b>Policy maker–responsible for the international relations with World Bank, International Monetary Fund, International Labour Organization, EU, etc.</b>
Name and address of employer	Ministry of Labour and Social Policy - MLSP, 2, Triaditza Str., 1051 Sofia, Bulgaria
Type of business or sector	Higher administration in the field of social welfare and care, management activities
Dates	01-10/1992
Occupation or position held	<b>Deputy Minister of Ministry of Labor And Social Policy - MLSP</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	Policy maker – responsible for social assistance policy, directly responsible for the modernization of the targeted social assistance program and provision of social care services for vulnerable groups. <b>Leading “designer” and implementer of the “Guaranteed Minimum Income Program” in BG (a scheme for targeted monthly social assistance benefits) – one of the pillars of the anti-poverty policy and still remaining in use.</b>
Name and address of employer	Ministry of Labour and Social Policy - MLSP, 2 Triaditza Str., 1051 Sofia, Bulgaria
Type of business or sector	Development and Implementation of the state policy in the field of social assistance, social care, management activities
Dates	02/1991 - 12/1991
Occupation or position held	Advisor, Department of Social Policy
Main activities and responsibilities	Advisor on social policy modernization and social dialogue. Writing and reviewing drafts of laws, governmental regulations, etc. in the earlier period of transition.
Name and address of employer	Council of Ministers of the Republic of Bulgaria, 1 Dondukov Blvd., 1594 Sofia, Bulgaria
Type of business or sector	Higher administration and advise in the field of social welfare
Dates	09/1978 - 08/1981
Occupation or position held	Expert
Main activities and responsibilities	Management, Finance and Planning of the National Center on Education – NCE.
Name and address of employer	Ministry of Education, Youth and Science, 2A Dondukov Blvd., 1000 Sofia, Bulgaria
Type of business or sector	Administration in the field of management and planning in education
<b>Participation in Projects - Selected</b>	
Dates	02/2017-04/2019
Occupation or position held	Expert in the project <b>“Development of National Strategy for Overcoming the Demographic Crisis”</b>

Main activities and responsibilities	Research on <i>Family Benefits Schemes</i> – analysis and recommendations. Financial assessment of proposed policy measures.
Name and address of employer	Bulgarian Government; Bulgarian Academy of Sciences; Institute for Population and Human Studies – prof. A. Hristova, Director.
Type of business or sector	<b>Research and Consultancy on Social protection and Minimum Income Schemes for families with children; Strategic planning</b>
Dates	09/2018-11/2018
Occupation or position held	National expert in the project “Peer Review on “Minimum income benefits – securing a life in dignity, enabling access to services and integration into the labour market” – in the framework of Mutual Learning Programme of DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission.
Main activities and responsibilities	Preparation of a national report “Minimum income schemes in Bulgaria (design, strengths, weaknesses, comparison with German policy example)”
Name and address of employer	ICF SA; Avenue Marnix 17, 1000 – Brussels, Belgium
Type of business or sector	<b>Research and Consultancy on Social protection and Minimum Benefits Schemes</b>
Dates	02/2017-03/2018
Occupation or position held	Expert in the project “ <b>Development of National Energy Strategy</b> ”
Main activities and responsibilities	Research on <b>Energy Poverty in BG</b> – development and implementation of a methodology for measuring the energy poverty; analysis of the social protection of energy poor people – <b>national and EU practice in the provision of minimum social assistance benefits (Heating Allowances for the energy poor families)</b> ; strategic planning.
Name and address of employer	Bulgarian Energy Holding; Bulgarian Academy of Sciences; Economic Research Institute – prof. Al. Tassev, Director.
Type of business or sector	<b>Research and Consultancy on Social protection and Minimum Income Schemes for Energy Poor People; Strategic planning</b>
Dates	11/2014-11/2016
Occupation or position held	Team leader of the project “ <b>Labor market and social policy on Horizon 2020</b> ”
Main activities and responsibilities	Project coordination; Analysis and assessment of the social assistance system – provision of minimum social assistance benefits for the poor people (Guaranteed Minimum Income- GMI) Policy recommendations
Name and address of employer	Economic Research Institute – prof. Al. Tassev, Director.
Type of business or sector	<b>Research on Social protection Minimum Income Schemes and Labor market</b>
Dates	08/2014-09/2014
Occupation or position held	Team leader of the project ““ <b>Ex-ante Evaluation of the Bulgarian Operational Program financed by the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived - FEAD (2014 – 2020), in accordance to art. 15 and 16 of Regalement (EC) № 223/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council from March 11 2014</b> ”
Main activities and responsibilities	Project coordination; Analysis and assessment of the overall coherence of the Program and its link with other related instruments.
Name and address of employer	Ministry of Labour and Social Policy- MLSP, Minister of Labour and Social Policy – Mr. Y. Hristoskov
Type of business or sector	<b>Ex-ante Evaluation of FEAD Operational Program for Bulgaria; Social protection of the poor people</b>
Dates	12/2014-07 2015
Occupation or position held	Expert in the project ““ <b>Sheltered Employment of Disabled People – experience, innovations, possibilities</b> ” (project BG051PO001-7.0.02-0009 financed by OP HRD).”
Main activities and responsibilities	Analysis and assessment of the legislative framework regulating the <b>employment of disabled</b>

Name and address of employer	people. Participation in discussions with the national stakeholders. Agency for disabled people at the MLSP– Mr. M. Koralski (Executive Director)
Type of business or sector	<b>Social inclusion of vulnerable groups</b>
Dates	02/2014-05/2014
Occupation or position held	Expert in the project <b>”Strategic analysis for the purposes of the Operational program HRD 2014-2020 programming process ”</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	Analysis of the BG <b>social policies in the field of poverty and social services</b> . Development of strategic objectives and priorities.
Name and address of employer	MLSP; Balkan Institute for labour and social policy, Mr. Ivan Neykov (President)
Type of business or sector	<b>Programming of OPs, Assessment of national social policies, Social inclusion, Strategic planning</b>
Dates	09/2012-01/2015
Occupation or position held	Expert in the project <b>”Development of socio-economic analysis for the purposes of the new Operational Program „Regional Development“ (2014-2020)“ - OPRD.</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	Data collection and analysis on incomes and expenditures of the population; social infrastructure and social services; assessment of regional socio-economic disparities; development of indicators for M&E of the OP.
Name and address of employer	Ministry of Regional Development; Sofia Consulting Group Company; Economic Research Institute-BAS.
Type of business or sector	<b>Programming of OPs, Monitoring and Evaluation</b>
Dates	01/2013 – 03/2013
Occupation or position held	Team leader of the <b>project “Development of System for Monitoring and Evaluation of Income Policy in Bulgaria”</b> (commissioned by MLSP).
Main activities and responsibilities	Project management. Conceptualisation of the methodology for Monitoring and Evaluation of Income Policy in Bulgaria and development of excel based model for M&E.
Name and address of employer	MLSP; SCG Company, 74 Stara planina str., 1527 Sofia, Bulgaria
Type of business or sector	<b>Monitoring and Evaluation Income Policies</b>
Dates	09/2012 – 03/2013
Occupation or position held	Team leader of the project <b>Development and Implementation of a System for Monitoring and Evaluation of the State Policy for People with Disabilities and their Financing. Development and Implementation of a System for Planning, Implementation, Monitoring and Administration of the Budget for Working with People with Disabilities.</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	Overall project management aimed at achieving the respective results and exercising control over all stages of the implementation of the project. Fostering the communication with the representatives of the Contracting Authority in the relation to the execution of the project activities. <b>Provision of training for state administration.</b>
Name and address of employer	Consortium “Monitoring i programno biudgetirane 2012”, 1113 Sofia, Tzarigradsko shosse Blvd., Block 22, Bulgaria; and Agency for Disabled People at the MLSP – Mr. M. Koralski (Executive Director).
Type of business or sector	<b>Monitoring and Evaluation of Social Programs and Social Policies, Social Inclusion, Project management</b>
Dates	08/2009 – 12/2011
Occupation or position held	Deputy project co-ordinator in project <b>”Strengthening the scientific background of the PhD students and young scientists for interdisciplinary socio-economic research – ESF-ERDF funded project under national Operational Program “Human Resources Development”</b> .
Main activities and responsibilities	Project coordination; organization of public procurement tenders; delivery of training on PCM; organization of 2 representative sociological surveys.
Name and address of employer	Institute of Economics – Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

Type of business or sector	Consultation, training
Dates	08/2009 – 12/2011
Occupation or position held	Team leader in project <b>Development and Implementation of a System for Monitoring and Evaluation of the State Policy for People with Disabilities and their Financing. Development and Implementation of a System for Planning, Implementation, Monitoring and Administration of the Budget for Working with People with Disabilities</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	Project coordination; development and approbation of a system for M&E of the state policy for people with disabilities; incorporation of the M&E system in the information system of the Agency for disabled people. Provision of training on the M&E system.
Name and address of employer	Agency for disabled people – Mr. M. Koralski (Executive Director)
Type of business or sector	<b>Monitoring and Evaluation of Social Programs and Social Policies, Social Inclusion of Disabled People, Project management</b>
Dates	07/2010-11/2010
Occupation or position held	Short-term consultant in the project “ <b>Design of New Mechanism for Financing Social Services in the Community for Disabled People</b> ”.
Main activities and responsibilities	Assessment of the international experience and approaches. Drafting report and providing consultancy for MLSP on possible changes in the current financing model, based on the principle “money follows the client”.
Name and address of employer	UNICEF(Mr. M.Velkov); Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, 2 Triaditza Str., 1051 Sofia, Bulgaria
Type of business or sector	<b>Social Inclusion of Disabled People</b>
Dates	04/2010-08/2010
Occupation or position held	Training expert in project <b>Support for the implementation of the delegated budgets in the financial management of Bulgarian Schools: Development of training programs and training methodology; delivery of training seminars</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	Participation of the development of training programs and training methodology. Training of 25 trainers. Delivery of more than 15 seminars with ~ 400 participants.
Name and address of employer	Ministry of Education
Type of business or sector	<b>Training</b>
Dates	09/2010 – 09/2011
Occupation or position held	National expert – member of ESF Expert Network for the project “ <b>Inventory and Analysis of the Evaluation Studies on ESF Funded Operational Programs in BULGARIA</b> ”.
Main activities and responsibilities	To collect, analyze, synthesize and aggregate the results from evaluation studies carried out by the BG authorities managing two Operational programs co-financed by European Social Fund – OP “HRM” and OP “Administrative Capacity”.
Name and address of employer	Metis GmbH – Austria, Donau-City-Str. 6 A-1220 Wien
Type of business or sector	<b>Mid-term Evaluation of ESF Operational Programs; Research, analysis and provision of consultations in the field of social protection</b>
Dates	11/2008-11/2009
Occupation or position held	Team leader in the project <b>BG 2006/018-343.05.01 Strengthening the Capacity of The Newly Established Agency for People with Disabilities in The Planning and Implementation of Public Policy for People with Disabilities - Lot № 1 - Situation Analysis People with Disabilities in Bulgaria</b> – PHARE funded project
Main activities and responsibilities	Overall project management; development and implementation of multidisciplinary methodology for detailed cross-sector analysis of the national strategies and policies, incl. mechanisms for targeted social assistance and provision of social services; implementation of 2 representative national sociological surveys; organization of public discussions on the national policies for disabled people; editorial work on the whole report (~500 pages). <b>Provision of Training for state administration.</b>
Name and address of employer	Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, 2 Triaditza Str., 1051 Sofia, Bulgaria
Type of business or sector	<b>Social Inclusion of Disabled People, Capacity Building, Project management</b>

Dates	02-06/2009
Occupation or position held	Short-term consultant in the project <b>Long-term Care Social Services in Bulgaria for Elderly People</b> .
Main activities and responsibilities	Preparation of an analytical country report presenting the Bulgarian practice and policies regarding the provision and financing of LTC social services (deinstitutionalization vs. institutionalization).
Name and address of employer	<b>World Bank</b> , Washington/Sofia, 1057 Sofia, Bulgaria, INTERPRED, The World Trade Center, 36 Dragan Tsankov Blvd. Ms Sarbani Chakraborty
Type of business or sector	<b>Social Inclusion of Elderly People</b> ; Analysis and provision of consultations in the field of social services
Dates	05-07/2008
Occupation or position held	Team leader in project <b>Preparation of project proposal for ESF funding</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	Overall project management; screening the project idea and project identification. Preparation of the overall project proposal. <b>Training of the administration of the National Assembly on successful proposal writing</b> .
Name and address of employer	National Parliament
Type of business or sector	<b>Preparation of project proposal for ESF Funding</b> , Consultation
Dates	04/2007 – 01/2008
Occupation or position held	Expert in the project <b>Transition Costs of Reformed Pension Systems</b> .
Main activities and responsibilities	Writing a country report (data gathering and analysis of the national pension system and its transition costs).
Name and address of employer	PRAXIS Center for Policy Studies; Estonia, Office in Tallinn, Tornimäe 5 , 0145 Tallinn
Type of business or sector	<b>Social Inclusion</b> , Analysis and development of a country report on the national pension system
Dates	10-12/2008
Occupation or position held	Short-term expert “EU Grant Schemes (ESF)” in the project <b>“Creating Project Pipeline for SF Applications – Project Generation Facility Quality Control of ERDF and ESF Project Proposals (PHARE BG 2005/017-353.10.03 Phase 2/Year 2005)”</b> .
Main activities and responsibilities	Assessments of project proposals for Call for proposals under Operational Program “Human Resources Development” (ESF, ERDF and national financing).
Name and address of employer	Ministry of Finance, Bulgaria; 102, G.S.Rakovski str. Sofia, 1040 EEO Group S.A. – Greece; Economic Policy and Regional Development Ltd. – Poland, Sofia Consulting Group Company, 74 Stara planina str., 1527 Sofia, Bulgaria
Type of business or sector	<b>Evaluation of project proposals for ESF funding</b>
Dates	09-10/2008
Occupation or position held	Expert in the project <b>“Assessment of The Administrative Costs of the Social Assistance Programs in Bulgaria”</b> .
Main activities and responsibilities	Drafting a report presenting the main features of 4 programs for targeted social assistance: (i) GMI for monthly conditional cash transfers; (ii) heating allowances; (iii) social inclusion of disabled people; (iv) child allowances. Development and implementation of methodology for assessing the administrative costs; related field and analytical work.
Name and address of employer	<b>World Bank</b> , Sofia, 1057 Sofia, Bulgaria, INTERPRED, The World Trade Center, 36 Dragan Tsankov Blvd. Ms B. Gotcheva
Type of business or sector	<b>Poverty, Minimum Income Schemes, Social inclusion of Poor People</b> , Consultation
Dates	12/2005 – 12/2006
Occupation or position held	Team leader in the project <b>Development of pro-active labor market services at local level (Municipality of Rudozem - Smolyan District)</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	Management of ESF-type of project. Design of pro-active labour market strategy and services – consultancy, delivery of training.
Name and address of employer	MLSP-Employment Agency / Municipality of Rudozem, 15 Bulgaria Blvd., 4960 Rudozem, Bulgaria

Type of business or sector	<b>Social Inclusion of Unemployed People at local level, Labour Market</b> , Strategic planning, training
Dates	04-07/2006
Occupation or position held	Team leader in the project <b>Promotion of Employment of Elderly Persons and the Role of the Pension System</b> .
Main activities and responsibilities	Project management, data gathering and processing; Involvement in the preparation of the sociological survey tools and result processing; analytical report drafting about the status of the pension system and its interaction with the labour market; presentation of results at the discussion forums, including <b>training seminar for journalists</b> .
Name and address of employer	SCG Company, 74 Stara planina str., 1527 Sofia, Bulgaria; National Social Security Institute (NSSI) – Mr. Y.Hristoskov (Governor)
Type of business or sector	<b>Social Inclusion of Elderly People</b> , Project management
Dates	08-09/2005
Occupation or position held	Team leader of the project <b>Participation in the preparation of National Operational Program “Human Resources Development”, MLSP</b> .
Main activities and responsibilities	Provision of consultancy services for the social policy formulation in the field of social assistance, social care and pension insurance; participation in the development of the strategic objectives tree, priorities and social measures.
Name and address of employer	Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, 2 Triaditza Str., 1051 Sofia, Bulgaria
Type of business or sector	<b>Programming of ESF OPs, Social Inclusion</b> , Strategic planning, <b>Poverty</b>
Dates	02-03'2007 05-06'2007 05-06/2006 07/2005 – 08/2005 (3 months)
Occupation or position held	<b>Assessor</b> of large - scale project proposals <b>for EUROPEAID</b> Funding
Main activities and responsibilities	Provision of independent professional assessments of project proposals for pro-active poverty alleviation and social inclusion schemes in developing countries (in French and English), namely: (i)Assistance for the assessment of Project Proposals submitted under the “European development NGOs actions in developing countries (PVD)” program, budget line 21.02.03, EUROPEAID/124568/C/ACT/Multi (ii)Evaluation of Project Proposals submitted under the “Assistance for the assessment of three call for proposals published in December 2005 under budget line 21.02.02- co-financing with NGOs “EUROPEAID (iii)Assessment of Project Proposals for “Appui pour l'évaluation des trois appels à propositions lancés en 2004 sur la ligne 21.02.03 (ex B7-6000) - Cofinancement avec les ONG”, EUROPEAID.
Name and address of employer	EU (external aids programs) - contracts with Edburgh consultants bv, The Netherlands; Ms Patricia de Bruijn
Type of business or sector	<b>Assessment of Project Proposals for EUROPEAID</b> Funding
Dates	04-05/2004
Occupation or position held	Team Leader of the project <b>Developing the Base Line and Strengthening Capacity for Monitoring and Evaluation of the Performance of the Public Administration</b> .
Main activities and responsibilities	Project management; development of system of indicators for strategic M&E; analytical work; organization and provision of training for servants in Council of Ministers and in various ministries; overall responsibility for the QA.
Name and address of employer	Club “Economika 2000”, 74 Stara planina str., 1527 Sofia, Bulgaria
Type of business or sector	<b>Monitoring and Evaluation</b> , Consultation, training
Dates	2001-2002
Occupation or position held	Training Team Leader in project <b>Delivery of Training of 5 Trainers Seminars for Local NGOs and</b>



	<b>Public Administration in Macedonia</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	<b>Design and delivery of the ToT seminars;</b> Management of the project
Name and address of employer	UNHCR-Macedonia
Type of business or sector	Training
Dates	05/2000-01/2001
Occupation or position held	Expert in the project <b>Economic and Social Cohesion: Employment and Social Affairs – Current and Prospective Assessment.</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	Author of monthly analytical reports for the Delegation of the European Commission in Bulgaria
Name and address of employer	Delegation of the European Commission in BG, 9, Moskovska Street, 1000 Sofia
Type of business or sector	<b>Social Cohesion</b> , Consultancy on the social policy
Dates	05-11/2000
Occupation or position held	Expert in the project <b>Social Impact Assessment of the Pension Reform on the Risk Population Groups.</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	Analysis of pension reform changes; participation in the development of sociological survey tools, preparation of the final report of the survey analyzing the impact of the pension reform in five risk population groups – disabled, large families, long-term unemployed, social assistance beneficiaries and ethnic groups.
Name and address of employer	Club “Economika 2000”, 74 Stara planina str., 1527 Sofia, Bulgaria
Type of business or sector	<b>Impact Assessment, Social Inclusion</b>
Dates	2000
Occupation or position held	Project Coordinator in the project <b>Child Welfare Reform Project - Institutional Assessment.</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	Project management. Evaluation of the capacity of the ministries responsible for child welfare reform to develop and carry out relevant policies.
Name and address of employer	Club “Economika 2000”, 74 Stara planina str., 1527 Sofia, Bulgaria
Type of business or sector	Evaluation of administrative capacity; <b>Social Inclusion</b>
Dates	1997-2007
Occupation or position held	Team member in the project <b>Local Government Initiative Program Bulgaria I, II and III (multi-annual USAID program supporting the local government reform in Bulgaria).</b>
Main activities and responsibilities	Involvement in the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance of studies for enhancing the effectiveness of water utilities operations</li> <li>• Development of costing standards for municipal activities mandated by the state – including costing standards for capital investment</li> <li>• Training needs assessment of municipalities</li> <li>• Extensive training of municipal officials, representatives of non-governmental organizations, local businesses, regional associations of municipalities, academia, media (2500 participants in total)</li> <li>• Institutional building of municipalities</li> <li>• TA for municipal service improvement – education, waste collection and transportation, etc.</li> <li>• Performance of sociological surveys on the attitude towards the financial decentralization process.</li> </ul> <p>The implementation of the above activities facilitated the establishment and keeping of very good professional contacts with representatives of the municipal administrations, of the National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria, of regional associations of municipalities (Smolyan, Bourgas, Stara Zagora, etc.)</p>
Name and address of employer	Local Government Initiative Program; Club "Economika 2000", 74 Stara planina str., 1527 Sofia, Bulgaria
Type of business or sector	Consultation, training Capacity Building

#### PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

1. Shopov, G. Regional dimensions of standard of living in Bulgaria. *Bulgarian Journal of Public Health*.12 (3), pp.75-93. ISSN 1313-6461 (print); ISSN 1313-860X (online)
2. Shopov G., V.Tsanov. Material Standard of Living and Energy Poverty in Bulgaria: State and Development, *Economic Studies journal*, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences - Economic Research Institute, 2018, issue 6, p. 3-20. ISSN 0205-3292
3. Shopov G., T. Peneva “Targeted social assistance for heating – historical experience and development perspectives for limiting energy poverty in Bulgaria”, *Economic Thought*, 2018/6 - ISSN 0013-2993.
4. Цанов, В. Шопов, Г. Развитие и определяне на минималната работна заплата и минималните осигурителни доходи в България. *Икономически изследвания*. 2017/2. с. 3-31. ISSN 0205-3292.
5. Shopov, G. „Energy Poverty and Social Assistance of the Energy Poor People in Bulgaria“, *Economic Thought*, 2016/№6. Pp. 39-61. ISSN 0013-2993.
6. Цанов, В., Шопов, Г., Белева, И., Христосков, Й. „Пазарът на труда и социалната защита в икономическото развитие на хоризонт 2020“, изд. „М.Дринов“, София, 2017, ISBN 978-954-322-897-3. – Глава „Целевото социално подпомагане на хоризонт 2020: развитие, постижения, стратегически рамки и перспективи“
7. Shopov G. Targeted social assistance in the economic development periods. *Economic Studies*, 2013/1, pp. 72-107. ISSN 0205-3292.
8. Chopov G., (2018) „Minimum income schemes in Bulgaria (design, strengths, weaknesses, comparison with German policy example)“, European Commission, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, Brussels. <https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=1024&newsId=9229&furtherNews=yes&preview=cHJldkVtcGxQb3J0YWwhMjAxMjAyMTVwcmV2aWV3#navItem-2>
9. Regional Disparities in Bulgaria and Switzerland“. Chapter 4 in : Richter, M. Ruspini, P. Mihailov, D. Mintchev, V. Nollert, M. - Editors. „Migration And Transnationalism Between Switzerland And Bulgaria“. 2016, Springer Publishing. ISBN 978-3-319-31944-5. pp. 91-122.
10. Mintchev, V. Shopov, G. Kaltchev, Y., „Regional Disparities, Emigration Perceptions, Returned Migrants and Transfers from Abroad“. *Economic Development and Policies in Bulgaria: evaluations and expectations (Annual Report of ERI-BAS)*. 2016, pp. 113-132. Sofia. Gorex Press. ISBN 978-954-616-261-8.
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