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Short information on the speakers, moderators and rapporteurs

Opening



Ms Diana Kovacheva, Minister of Justice

Ms Diana Kovacheva holds a PhD in international law and international relations. Her PhD thesis is on "The Establishment of the International Criminal Court and Key Aspects of its Jurisdiction."

Ms Kovacheva obtained a Master's degree in European Law at the University of Nancy 2, France, and previously obtained a Master's degree in European law and legal system of the EU in Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Faculty of Law with the University Nancy 2, France. Ms Kovacheva is Master of Law, specialty in Jurisdiction at Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski". During the years, she worked at the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Legal Studies, Department of International Legal Studies, the "International Cooperation and International Assistance" at the Ministry of Justice and the "Transparency International" Association Transparency International - Bulgaria.

Minister Kovacheva has a number of publications, including the "New Aspects of the Crime of Aggression after the Conference of the Rome Statute in 2010", Contemporary Law Journal, vol. 4/2011, the "International and European Ethical Standards in the Judiciary (book), Chapter IV, p 202, 2010 Sofia", Contemporary International Law" (book), Chapter VI "International Criminal Court - a model of continuous criminal justice" (forthcoming), "International Criminal Justice in the Context of the Bulgarian legislation, Chapter III "Jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court", 2004.

She has been serving as a Minister of Justice since November 2011.



Ms Marja Ruotanen, Director of Justice and Human Dignity Directorate, Council of Europe

Director of Justice and Human Dignity within the Directorate General of Human Rights and Rule of Law, responsible for Gender Equality and Human Dignity, including Violence against Women, Trafficking in Human Beings, Children's Rights, as well as Independence and Efficiency of Justice and Legal Co-operation.

Marja Ruotanen joined the Council of Europe in 1990 and held since several positions, including Director of the Private Office of the Secretary General, and served as secretary to various Parliamentary Assembly committees, notably the Political Affairs Committee, Committee on Migration, Refugees and Population and the Committee on Gender Equality.

She was born in Finland, studied International Relations (political science, law) at McGill University in Montreal (Canada).



Ms Dzhema Grozdanova, head of the Permanent Delegation of the National Assembly in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE).

Mrs. Dzhema Grozdanova is a Member of Parliament from the 41st National Assembly. She is the head of the Permanent Delegation of the National Assembly in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE).

In September 2009 she was chosen as a Vice-President of PACE. She stayed on this position till January 2011 when she took the lead of the Bulgarian delegation in the Parliamentary Assembly of CoE.

At the moment Mrs Grozdanova is a member of the Monitoring Committee and the Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development of PACE, and also a member of the Healthcare Committee and the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the European Funds.

Mrs Grozdanova is a certified dentist. She is married and has two daughters.

Key Note Speakers



Mr Nicola le Coz, President of GRETA

Nicolas Le Coz is the President of the Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA). A Senior Officer of the National Gendarmerie and a lawyer, he is currently Deputy Head of the "Organised Crime and Specialised Criminality" Unit of the Criminal Police Office, where he is responsible, in particular, for matters relating to domestic, international and European criminal law (abduction alerts, action against discrimination, organised crime and serious violations of international humanitarian law) and to the protection of human rights in the context of criminal police activities.

Mr Le Coz graduated from the Paris Institut des Hautes Etudes Internationales where he specialised in international and European human rights law. He also holds a Master II in International Relations (Paris Panthéon-Sorbonne University) and a Master II in International Public Law (Paris Panthéon-Assas University).



Dr Vera Gracheva, Co-ordination Adviser at the Office of the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Dr Gracheva graduated from Moscow State Institute of International Affairs, with a Ph.D. in International Relations, and was a researcher at the Russian Academy of Sciences. In 1991-2004 she worked as a diplomat for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation (human rights and fundamental freedoms). While working at the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the OSCE, she was appointed to co-chair the Informal Working Group on Gender Equality and Anti-Trafficking established under the aegis of the OSCE Permanent Council, and in this capacity she contributed to the elaboration of the OSCE Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Human Beings of 2003 and the subsequent Ministerial Council Decision taken in Maastricht. This Decision endorsed the Action Plan that remains a strategic anti-trafficking document for nearly a decade, and is a comprehensive and multidimensional instrument to be used by the OSCE participating States in their efforts to eradicate modern-day slavery. The Maastricht Decision also established the post of the OSCE Special Representative for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings. In 2004 Dr Gracheva started to work as a Senior Adviser in the Office of the Special Representative. In 2011 her post was transformed to reflect new responsibilities in the area of co-operation and co-ordination between the OSCE and other International organisations engaged in the fight against human trafficking.



Mr Julien Bourtembourg, International Relations Officer, European Commission

Julien Bourtembourg is currently working on the external aspects of security and rule of law issues in the Directorate-General Home Affairs of the European Commission. Prior to that, he was posted to the EU Delegation to the United Nations in New York and worked for the Belgian government. Mr Bourtembourg holds an LLM in Public International Law from the London School of Economics and a Master's in Public Policy from Sciences Po Paris.

Introduction Speakers



Ms Svetlana Koeva, Deputy Chair of the Local Commission for Combating trafficking in Human Beings, Varna Municipality and Director at "Prevention" Directorate

As a Deputy Chairperson of the Local Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, Ms Koeva main responsibilities and activities are to implement and monitor national strategies and prevention programs at local level. She is also Deputy Chairperson of the Regional Drug Council, Varna Municipality where she works on Prevention of drug abuse, HIV / AIDS, trafficking in human beings and antisocial and delinquent behavior in juveniles.

Visiting lecturer and participant in interagency and international expert committees on issues related to drug abuse, HIV/ AIDS, trafficking in human beings antisocial and delinquent behavior in juveniles, author of numerous publications and documents in the field of prevention of risky behavior among young people.



Ms Corinne Dettmeijer-Vermeulen, National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings and Sexual Violence against Children in the Netherlands

Dutch National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings since 2006. Corinne Dettmeijer received her law degree at Leiden University and then began her career as a prosecutor in Rotterdam. She became a judge at the district court of the Hague, and has been vice president of the court since 1995. As a judge, she handled cases in juvenile, criminal family and migration law. She is a member of the board of the Leiden University Fund, as well as a member of the board of the Pro Juventute Foundation.

As National Rapporteur, she has also worked on the combat against child pornography, advocating for more international cooperation as well as an approach taking into consideration technological developments.



Professor Julia O'Connell Davidson, Professor of sociology, University of Nottingham

Julia O'Connell Davidson is Professor of Sociology at the University of Nottingham. Her research and publishing over the past two decades has focused on prostitution, sex tourism, child migration, and trafficking. Between 2001 and 2006, with Professor Bridget Anderson of Oxford University, she coordinated research on "the demand side of trafficking" with a particular focus on the sex and domestic work sectors. She is author of Prostitution, *Power and Freedom* (Polity, 1998) and *Children in the Global Sex Trade* (Polity, 2005) and is currently writing a book on *Modern Slavery and the Margins of Freedom*.



Mr Neil Howard, Researcher, University of Oxford

Neil Howard is an academic and activist based at the University of Oxford. He is currently an ESRC doctoral scholar with the Department of International Development and in 2013 will take up a position in Florence as Marie Curie Fellow at the European University Institute.

His academic research is a mixture of political anthropology and political economy. It looks at labour, migration, and trafficking, and offers a critique of the failures prevalent within the anti-trafficking field, which he has worked in and investigated since 2005. As an activist, Neil works on all of these issues and seeks in particular to combine education and organising in developing awareness around alternatives to hegemonic neoliberalism.

Module 1



Mr Ilian Rizov, Director of the non-governmental organization “Sauchastie”

Mr Rizov is a Chairperson of the NGO “Sauchastie” Association which carries out projects in the field of prevention of risk behavior among Roma community (including prevention of trafficking in human beings), prevention of abandonment of children in the Roma community, civic and intercultural education, and development of the “foster care” as delegated activities of Varna Municipality.

Mr Rizov holds a PhD of Pedagogy, lecturer at the Department of “Information, Training and Continuing Education” - Bulgaria (Shumen University). He works in the field of civil and intercultural education rights of children, prevention of risky behavior, etc. He is an author of methodological manuals and textbooks, “Bristling Play for the Desk, Rank Pointer and a Teenager”, “Training Models for the Rights of the Child”, “Interactive Models for the Development of Personal and Social Skills in Primary School”, “Training Models for Prevention of Drug Abuse”, etc. In 1999, in Munich, Germany he received the award for his contribution to the development of intercultural education (“BMW Award for Intercultural Learning”). In 2002 at the request of UNDP Mr Rizov presented educational programs “Life Skills” in Bulgaria by the publication “Educational Life Skills Approach. Development of Personal and Social Skills in School”.

In 2012 he participated in the elaboration of a manual for the prevention of human trafficking among Roma community (edition of the National Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings).



Ms Kadrije Kruja, Specialist for Roma, Egyptian Community and Disability, Albania

Ms Kadrije Kruja is currently a Regional Coordinator in Elbasan for Caritas Albania, in project focused in creating equal opportunity for disable people and part of Consultant staff in Albania for ROMED Program of CoE. Ms Kruja holds University of Tirana Degree in Social Work.

Prior to her current position she was Principal Coordinator for C-Change in Elbasan, Program of USAID in Albania. Project was focused in Awareness Community to improve Reproductive Health and use Modern Methods of Contraception. She started her carrier as Local Expert in Budgeting Children Policies and part of staff in Social Care Directory, Specialist for Roma and Disable target group. Meanwhile she was assistant lecturer in Aleksander Xhuvani University, Elbasan, Albania.



Mr Cornelis Marinus de Vos, Member of the CAHROM

Mr De Vos graduated the University of Amsterdam 1965-1973. Political science, specialization: International relations.

He is a Member of the CAHROM as representative of the Dutch government, Member of the programme council of the Dutch national programme against criminality and exploitation of Roma-children, Member of the council of participants of the ABP, the biggest Dutch pension fund and Ambassador for the Minister of Interior to prevent and combat Identity fraud.

His previous experience is as a Director of the Evert Vermeer Foundation of the Dutch Labour Party 1974-1982, Alderman of the municipality of Bunnik 1974-1982. His was Mayor of the municipality of Oostflakkee (1982-1994), the municipality of Veendam (1994-2000) and the municipality of Nieuwegein 2000-2011.



H.E. Ms Guro Katharina Vikør, Ambassador of Norway in Bulgaria

H.E. Ms Guro Katharina Vikør is a Ambassador of Norway in Bulgaria since September 2012. Prior to this she was Senior Advisor, UN, Peace and Humanitarian Department, Ambassador to Slovenia, Ambassador for Women's Rights and Gender Equality (2003-2008), UN, PEACE and Humanitarian Department, MFA and Norwegian Consul General in Miami, Florida, USA (1999-2003), covering Florida, North and South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and administration responsibility for Western Caribbean.

She was also Deputy Director Genral Utenriksstjenestens Kompetansesenter, responsible for all diplomatic training for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1995-1999), First secretary of Embassy, Royal Norwegian Embassy in Washington D.C (1984-1987) and Vice-consul, Royal Norwegian Consulate General in Houston, Texas, USA (1981-1984).

Ms Vikør holds a Master of Art, University of New Mexico, New Mexico, USA. Cand. mag. University of Oslo (political science, anthropology, sociology) (1975), Mag. art studies at University of Oslo political science (1976-1978), Trainee at Norwegian Institute of Foreign Affairs (1978-1979).

Module 2



Mr Enrico Ragaglia, Project Officer, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)

Enrico Ragaglia has been working in the anti-trafficking field for the last 10 years. Between 2002 and 2006 he has worked for Save the Children Italy, an International Non-Governmental Organisation that carries out activities for the protection and promotion of the rights of the child in Europe and developing countries. During his work experience at Save the Children Italy, he implemented several projects in the area of combating child-trafficking.

Since 2006 Enrico Ragaglia has been working with the International Centre for Migration Policy Development, where he started as a project officer responsible for the implementation of anti-trafficking projects on data collection & information management in South-Eastern Europe. Since 2009, he has also been responsible for transnational projects between Brazil and EU Member States focusing on anti-trafficking responses and protection of migrants' rights.

Enrico Ragaglia has also work-related experience in Latin America in the field of rural development issues.

His academic background is on public policies and political science, in particular on social policies, poverty reduction and social inclusion policies. In 2001, he obtained his Master's Degree in European Social Policy Analysis and Evaluation at the National University of Ireland and the Roskilde University in Denmark.



Ms Rita Penedo, Consultant, Observatory on THB, Portugal

Rita Penedo is sociologist with postgraduations in "Crime, Violence and Internal Security" and "Social Ecology and Contemporary Social Problems". She has worked in Academic Research Centres and since 2006 in the Portuguese Ministry of Interior in projects related to Trafficking in Human Beings. In 2008 she participated in the International Visitor Leadership Programme on THB (invitation from the US State Department). Since 2010, she is a Consultant to the Directorate-General of Internal Affairs and to the Observatory on Trafficking in Human Beings/Ministry of Interior. The main activities are: national Focal Point in the European Crime Prevention Network; Monitoring System on Trafficking in Human Beings. She is the author and co-author of several publications and has experience as THB trainer within Law Enforcement Agencies, NGOs amongst other organizations. She is also a member of Board of the Portuguese Sociological Association.



Ms Linda Eriksson Baca, Regional Thematic Specialist on Counter-Trafficking, IOM Brussels

A Master degree holder in International Business Administration and Economics from Umea in Sweden, Linda Eriksson has been working with IOM in Denmark, Colombia and Nicaragua since 1999 on a wide range of programmatic issues, including assisted voluntary return of vulnerable migrants, emergency and post-conflict, migration and health, as well as migration and development and gender. She has during her years with IOM been managing several comprehensive counter-trafficking projects in both Latin America and Europe. Before joining IOM, Linda gained experience with UNDP in Honduras and Guatemala.

Today, she is IOM's Regional Thematic Specialist in Counter-Trafficking at the IOM Regional office in Brussels where she is doing liaison with a wide range of stakeholders; as well as providing technical assistance and strategic guidance to the IOM missions in the region covered by this office; particularly in the field of Counter-Trafficking, as well as in the fields of Unaccompanied Migrant Children, Immigration and Border Management and Roma issues.



Ms Tatiana Fomina, Analytical & Juridical Department Manager, La Strada, Moldova

Ms Tatiana Fomina is a Manager of the Analytical Department within the International Center „La Strada” Moldova (NGO). Ms Fomina has background in economics and law; is an anti-trafficking national and international expert. She studies the problem of trafficking in human beings (THB) since 2001; has experience in analysing and elaboration of draft normative acts. Ms Fomina conducted researches in the country and abroad by order of IOM Mission to Moldova, OSCE Mission to Moldova, OSCE/ODIHR, UNODC and ICMPD, Vienna. In 2006 she was a member of the informal UNODC (Vienna) Experts Group created for elaboration of the model law on the counter trafficking. In 2005 - 2012 she part-time worked as the ICMPD Local Liason Officer in Moldova for several regional projects (NAP and TRM). Ms Fomina is an author/co-author of 14 publications related to the problem of THB.



Ms Simone Heri, Associate Expert, UNODC

Simone Heri has been working with the Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime since more than three years. Her main responsibilities include the implementation of the UNODC Global Programme against Trafficking in Persons, through which UNODC offers technical assistance to more than 80 countries globally, not only to draft laws and create comprehensive national strategies but also building the capacity of practitioners.

Before joining UNODC, she worked at the Human Security Division of the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as a consultant on various human rights topics for the International Commission of Jurists, the Swiss Development Cooperation Agency and the International Land Coalition, and as a researcher in a project on the interaction of world trade law with human rights.

Simone Heri holds an LLM from the University of London, a Master in International Studies with Specialisation International Law from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva and a Licentiate in social psychology, international law and philosophy from the University of Zurich.

Ms Ivana Schellongova, Senior Programme Manager, “End Human Trafficking Now”

Ms Schellongova is Senior Programme Manager of the End Human Trafficking Now (EHTN), a global initiative engaging business community in the fight against human trafficking. Prior joining EHTN, she was part of the research team on gender and security of the Geneva Center for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF). She also served as Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs Officer in the Permanent Mission of the Czech Republic to the United Nations in Geneva and Legal Adviser in the International Law Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. Ms Schellongova holds D.E.A. degree in International Relations from the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva (IUHEI), Switzerland and Masters in Law from the Faculty of Law, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic.



Mr Patrik Cederlof, National coordinator against prostitution and trafficking, Sweden

Mr Patrik Cederlof is with broad knowledge within the field of counter-trafficking. He has worked within the field since 1999, at an operational level as well as a structural level. Currently, he holds the position as the National Coordinator since 2009 and in that capacity he is working towards e.g. Swedish authorities and civil society, building up the National Taskforce (NMT). His strengths are the vast experience in operational work and direct assistance to people victims of VoT linked to the social and support perspective as well as law enforcement perspective.



Mr Darryl Dixon, Director of Strategy, Gangmasters Licensing Authority

Darryl is responsible for the Gangmasters Licensing Authority's future strategy, encompassing: development of new powers, regulatory and innovative enforcement approaches, international exchange agreements supporting cross-border operations. Previously he held responsibility for the following operational teams: compliance, enforcement, intelligence and licensing.

The functions of the teams ensured that Labour Providers are compliant, and remain compliant, with the standards expected of the GLA, to be fit to hold a licence; and that those who operate outside the law are identified, and, where appropriate, prosecuted.

Darryl's previous posts include Assistant Director, Licensing at the Security Industry Authority Manager, Professional Standards Unit of the Counter Fraud Investigation Branch of Department for Welfare and Pensions, where he was responsible for the investigatory practice for welfare fraud investigators. He holds an MSc in Security Management from the Scarman Centre for the study of Public Order, of Leicester University; and is a Fellow of the Security Institute.



Ms Petia Dimitrova, Chief Executive Office and Chairperson of the MB Postbank

Ms Petia Dimitrova is the CEO and Chairperson of the Management Board of Postbank (under the legal name Eurobank EFG Bulgaria AD). She also holds executive and BoD positions in the affiliate companies of Eurobank Group in Bulgaria. In 2003 she joined the team of Postbank as Country CFO for the 8 affiliated companies of Eurobank EFG Group in Bulgaria. In 2005 was appointed Procurator of the Bank. In 2007 she was appointed Executive Director and Member of the MB of DZI Bank. After the legal merger of DZI Bank and Postbank she became Executive Director and Member of BD of the new legal entity Eurobank EFG Bulgaria.

Ms Dimitrova graduated from the University of National and World Economy and Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski with two Master Degrees in Finance and Banking and Tourism. In addition, she obtained her Executive MBA in General Management from The University of Sheffield, UK. She graduated Management and Social development of NGOs at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and University of Macedonia, Greece. Ms Dimitrova has acquired her professional qualifications in UK, Greece, Holland, Belgium, USA, Bulgaria and has participated in various prestigious international trainings, seminars and conferences.

Ms Dimitrova is a Member of the Management Board of Bulgarian Business Leaders Forum, Member of the Management Board of the Confederation of Entrepreneurs and Industrialists in Bulgaria and Member of the Board of Directors of the American Chamber of Commerce in Bulgaria. She is also a Fellow Member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) in London, UK; Member of the Gerson Lehrman Group Accounting Council London, UK; Fellow Member of the Chartered Management Institute, UK; Member of the CFOs Club in Bulgaria; Co-Chair of the Financial Services Committee of the Confederation of Entrepreneurs and Industrialists in Bulgaria; Chairperson of the Economic Policy Committee of the Association of Banks in Bulgaria.

Ms Dimitrova has received many awards, including the Grand prize in the Bulgarian annual contest for young managers "Next generation" (2009), Businesswoman of the Year for Bulgaria (2010), one of Bulgaria's 10 top managers in the competition "Manager of the Year" (2010 and 2011) and Nomination for Young Global Leader by the Forum of Young Global Leaders - part of the World Economic Forum (2012).

Module 4



Ms Lisa Cohen, Supervising Producer, CNN “Freedom project”

Lisa Cohen is a supervising producer for CNN International, dedicated full time to The CNN Freedom Project, a multi-platform initiative that aims to expose the horrors of modern-day slavery and advocate for change. Started in March 2011, The CNN Freedom Project has generated more than 300 stories of human trafficking from five continents. Ms. Cohen helped launch and develop the editorial mandate and mission that has set the tone for this network-wide initiative.

Prior to her assignment on The CNN Freedom Project, Ms. Cohen served as supervising producer for CNN International’s live news programming during the Asia prime hours. In that role she oversaw the launches of several news programs, including News Stream and World Business Today.

Ms Cohen joined CNN in 1994 as a writer/producer. Prior to that, she worked for several years as a television news reporter and anchor in several local news markets across the southeast United States. A native of Canada, Ms Cohen is based in Atlanta where she is married and has two children.



Ms Ruth Beni (Randall), Managing Director Animage Films, film maker and campaign manager “Two Little Girls”

Ruth is the founder of the London based Animation Production Company, **Animage Films**, established in 1992. Through Animage Ruth has created and produced television series for ITV and Channel 4, as well as a growing number of short films. Awards from the New York Festivals include: **GirlStuff/BoyStuff** (78 episode TV series - 2005 Gold Medal), **Eva Goes to Foreign** (short film – 2006 World Gold Medal), and **Two Little Girls** (short film – 2009 World Bronze Medal). **Eva Goes to Foreign**, also winner of the 2007 UK Charity Award, became part of a successful campaign aimed at reducing the numbers of women drug mules from the Caribbean and Africa, whilst **Two Little Girls** has been spearheading an extensive anti-trafficking campaign in thirteen European countries (with funding support from Comic Relief). Ruth has just completed a film entitled ‘**A Dangerous Journey**’ aimed at reducing the sex-trafficking trade from Africa. The film was launched in London at the House of Lords in October 2012. Ruth currently has two new films in production addressing the controversial subjects of **FGM** and **Forced Marriage**.



Ms Julia Immonen, Director “Sport for freedom”, the A21 Campaign

Julia Immonen comes from the world of sport and media. As an avid sports fan and athlete, she has found her dream job at Sky Sports News. Julia became passionate about the injustice of human trafficking 3 years ago, an initial half marathon turned into rowing the Atlantic Ocean and founding Row For Freedom.

She is the Director of Sport For Freedom for The A21 Campaign charity who rescue, rehabilitate and provide safe housing for victims of human trafficking throughout Eastern Europe. In December 2011 Julia led the Row For Freedom crew in the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge known as “the world’s toughest rowing race”. The campaign saw the crew gain 2 world records and lead a successful media campaign, receiving international political, celebrity and sporting support.

Julia is an international inspirational speaker using her story and passion to motivate others. In June 2012 Julia was an Olympic torchbearer and is now planning her next expedition ‘Cycle For Freedom’ in September 2013. The team will cycle 2700 kms from Bulgaria to London, in 27days for the 27million in slavery. This campaign will continue to use the positive power of sport to raise funds and awareness for the cause.



Ms Mariana Yevsyukova, Director of Legal Department, La Strada, representing ECPAT International

Mariana Yevsyukova is Director of Legal Department of International Women Rights Centre “La Strada-Ukraine”. Since 2011 Mariana is Central & Eastern Europe Regional Representative of ECPAT International Board. Ms. Yevsyukova involved into prevention of trafficking in human beings since 1999 when she was 15 years old. Has varied experience in the field of combating trafficking in human beings – from prevention work to elaboration of the draft Law of Ukraine “On Combating Trafficking in Human Beings” and rendering legal assistance to victims of trafficking. By her own experience Ms. Yevsyukova believes that children and young people are a powerful resource in prevention human trafficking, especially child trafficking. Used to be representative for Eastern Europe and CIS in ECPAT International Child and Youth Advisory Committee (EICYAC) (2008-2011) and coordinated the Global Youth Partnership Project against CSEC in Ukraine (2009-2011).

Rapporteurs



Mr Radoslav Stamenkov, Head of Mission, IOM Bulgaria

Radoslav Stamenkov is the Officer in Charge for the IOM Mission in Bulgaria. He has been working for IOM since 2006 on all migration management issues, counter trafficking, prevention of illegal migration, protection of migrants, labour migration, institutional capacity building and international cooperation.

Prior to this, Mr Stamenkov was a Secretary of the American Bar Association (ABA) Rule of Law Initiative in its office in Bulgaria between 1999 and 2006. During these years he was involved actively in provided assistance in a wide range of areas such as: Judicial Reform, Bar development, Commercial law, Legislative process, Legal Education. His work in these areas included organization of diverse forms of trainings, assistance in establishing various institutions, both public and private, advocacy, etc. In 2005, he received the ABA Award for dedicated work, contributions to democracy and civil society. From 1996 until 1999 Radoslav Stamenkov held the position Program Coordinator of the Bulgarian Association for Fair Elections and Civil Rights (BAFECR) where he worked under wide range of projects with the support and cooperation of the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, the US National Foundation for Democracy, the Westminster Foundation for Democracy, Council of Europe and IOs.



Ms Vessela Banova, Member of GRETA, Council of Europe

Ms Vessela Banova is a clinical psychologist and psychoanalytic. She obtained a psychology degree in 1983. A few years later she specialized in clinical psychology. In 1996-1997 she specialized in Psychomotor Education at the University of Leuven in Belgium. Ms Banova works as a psychologist and research fellow in Developmental Psychology at the Research Institute of Pediatrics and the National Center of Hygiene.

Ms Banova was a national consultant to the Ministry of Health during the reformation of the “Mother and Child” residential care institutions. Her experience of working with the mental suffering of the children, abandoned by their parents, was a prerequisite to her later field of work: protection of children at risk. Between 2002 and 2008 she was a Deputy Chairperson of the State Agency for Child Protection. In this capacity she participated in the establishment of the first Coordination Mechanism for Referral of Children Victims of Trafficking in Bulgaria. At that time she was a member of the National

Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings.

Since 2008 she has worked in “Child Space Education” Association and actively participates in the process of deinstitutionalisation of children at risk in Bulgaria. In 2012 Ms Banova defended her PhD thesis in Sociology on “Social Policies for the Protection of Children at Risk.” Since 2008 she has been a member of GRETA. Ms Vessela Banova is a Chairperson of the Psychoanalytic school of “Bulgarian Society for Lacanian Psychoanalysis” and a Deputy Chairperson of the Bulgarian Association of Psychotherapy.



Ms Baerbel Heide Uhl, Senior Researcher, KOK, Germany

Baerbel Heide Uhl is a political scientist and an experienced expert on anti-trafficking politics in Europe. Her career steps includes: co-founder of the European NGO network 'La Strada' and Director of La Strada Ceska repulika in Prague, advisor for international politics of the KOK network of anti-trafficking NGOs in Germany, OSCE anti-trafficking adviser at the OSCE Mission in Belgrade and the OSCE/ODIHR in Warsaw, resident advisor and short term expert in EU Twinning Programms on anti-trafficking in Turkey, Croatia, and Romania, consultant on anti-trafficking research and training for the Council of Europe, UNODC, and the European Commission.

Baerbel Heide Uhl co-developed and authored the OSCE Handbook on National Referral Mechanisms and was active in advising and promoting NRM in Bulgaria, Armenia and Israel. She is active in researching anti-trafficking politics and published numerous articles on the issue. Ms. Uhl was a Member of the first European Commission's Experts Group (2003-2007) and the Chairperson of the second Group (2007-2011). She currently coordinates a project on data protection in anti-trafficking data collection measures, which is a joint project of the KOK and La Strada International.



Ms Marieke van Doorninck, Advisor Public Affairs, La Strada International

Marieke van Doorninck is Advisor Public Affairs of La Strada International, an anti-trafficking network of eight independent human rights NGO's in Central and Eastern Europe, that works from a human rights perspective in support of all trafficked persons.

Marieke advises its member organisations on policy making and lobbying strategies in the field of anti-trafficking. She devises lobby and PR strategies at the international level and monitors European EU and UN developments in trafficking and human rights issues. Marieke holds a degree in History from the University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and has a broad publishing record covering issues of trafficking, emancipation, sex work and migrants' rights. Marieke also coordinates the international representation of La Strada and, together with the international coordinator, establishes and maintains professional and media contacts.



Ms Petya Nestorova, Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Council of Europe Convention on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings and Head of the Anti-trafficking Division of the Council of Europe.

Ms Petya Nestorova is the Executive Secretary of the Secretariat of the Council of Europe Convention on Action Against Trafficking in Human Beings and Head of the Anti-trafficking Division of the Council of Europe, a position she has held for the last two years. She has assisted the Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA) in its first evaluations of the implementation of the Convention, in particular in Bulgaria, Denmark, Poland, Portugal, Montenegro and the UK. Previously she worked for 15 years at the Council of Europe's Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT) and has extensive practical experience in monitoring places of deprivation of liberty. Ms Nestorova holds Master degrees in Comparative European Studies and International Economic Relations, as well as a D.Phil in International Economics from the University of Sussex, UK.



Ms Antoaneta Vassileva, Secretary General of the Bulgarian National Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Ms Antoaneta Vassileva has been Secretary General of the Bulgarian National Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings since 2007. She has more than 10 years of experience in the field of combating human trafficking, more specifically expertise in policy making, prevention and direct support to victims of trafficking. In her current position she is responsible for the development and implementation of Bulgarian policy in the area of preventing and combating trafficking in human beings, in compliance with all international standards and requirements, implementation of international projects and developing the relationship with EU, CoE, OSCE, OSCE/ODIHR, UN, IOs and NGOs. She specialized in International Human Rights Law in Sweden, with a specific focus of Women's Rights. Since 2008 she has been a member of the Group of the National Anti-Trafficking Coordinators from SEE Region and since 2010 a member of the Informal EU Network of National Rapporteurs or Equivalent Mechanisms on Combating Trafficking in Human Beings.

Prior to that, Ms Vassileva was the Executive Director of "Face to Face" Foundation, a leading non-governmental organization which works on prevention of human trafficking of the most vulnerable groups such as women and children.
