

# ACTING TOGETHER IN THE FACE OF CRISIS: PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM TRAFFICKING AND EXPLOITATION IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

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# SPEAKERS' BIOS





#### Marija ANĐELKOVIC

### **Director of NGO ASTRA, Serbia**

Marija Anđelkovic is director and one of the founders of the NGO ASTRA-Anti Trafficking Action, the first grass root women's NGO combating trafficking in human beings. She is a lawyer by profession with more than 20 years of experience in the field of gender-based violence and one of the first civil society activists to raise the issue of human trafficking in the Balkan region, advocating for improving the position of victims and respect of victims' rights. She has experience in direct victims' assistance to more than 500 victims as well as in prevention and education activities as a trainer and lecturer in Serbia and abroad, sharing

her anti-trafficking expertise with professionals from governmental institutions and NGOs. She was a member of working groups for developing and monitoring strategic anti-trafficking documents in Serbia. She is an author of numerous publications, manuals, articles and shadow reports on human trafficking. Her work and the work of ASTRA has influenced shaping and delivering policy and practice across the region.



#### Alexandra ANTONIADIS

# Deputy Head of the Organised Crime, Drugs and Corruption Unit, DG HOME, European Commission

Since July 2013, Alexandra Antoniadis has worked at the European Commission DG HOME, D.1 Crisis Management and Terrorism Head of Sector Preventing Radicalisation (supporting the Radicalisation Awareness Network), EU Internet Forum, Criminalisation of Terrorist Offences, Terrorist Financing. Prior to this, from February 2008 – July 2013, Ms Antoniadis

worked for the Commission Legal Service, specifically Competition Law. From October 2003 – January 2008, Ms Antoniadis was part of the DG COMP State Aid Control team responsible for the telecom and media sector. Before joining the European Commission, Ms Antoniadis worked for the law firms "Bruckhaus Westrick Stegemann" and "Deringer Tessin Herrmann Sedemund" in Brussels. She speaks German, English, French, Spanish and Greek.



# Mirsada BAJRAMOVIĆ

#### Director of NGO Zemlja djece-Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mirsada Bajramović is a law graduate with 26 years of work experience in working with children potential victims of human trafficking. She is the director of the local NGO "Zemlja djece u Bosni i Hercegovini", which developed the first model of the Daily Centre for Children Involved in Life and/or Work on the Street and Children at Risk of becoming so, which afterwards multiplied throughout BiH and the region. She is the author of the (first) Indicators for Recognition of Children of Potential Victims of Trafficking in Human Beings, Minimum Standards for Protection and Support of Victims of Trafficking, with special focus on children, and local referral mechanisms for the prevention and treatment of begging and other forms of child exploitation.

She is a certified trainer in the field of children's rights and human trafficking. She is a member of the Coordination Team for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings of Tuzla Canton.

#### **Marco BUFO**



Regional Coordinator and Team Leader of CIVIPOL's Activities in the EU and German Government-funded Programme Better Migration Management

Marco Bufo is the Regional Coordinator and Team Leader of CIVIPOL's activities in the EU and German Cooperation co-funded Better Migration Management Programme, for the Horn of Africa.

Since 1996 he has been engaged in anti-trafficking at the national, European and international levels.

He covered different roles in anti-trafficking organisations, project and initiatives, as Director, Coordinator, Team Leader, Project Manager, Consultant, Trainer.

Marco was Director of the Italian anti-trafficking NGO On the Road for 14 years, and in parallel to date, he has worked as an expert for different organisations and bodies such as the OSCE, the CoE, ICMPD, Expertise France; he was member and Co-Chair of the Experts Group on THB of the European Commission; he was member of the Inter-ministerial Commissions on THB in Italy and in Kosovo.

Marco has coordinated complex multi-partner, multi-disciplinary and multi-agency international anti-trafficking initiatives and projects, ranging from research to field work and service provision, from legislation drafting to policy development and strategic planning, and from awareness raising to advocacy, networking and training initiatives.



#### **Svetlana CVETKOVSKA**

Chair of the National Sub-Group on Children and Head of Unit on Preventing and Combating All Kinds of Discrimination in the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, North Macedonia

Since 2005 Ms Cvetkovska is part of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy as National Coordinator of the Mechanism for referring victims of trafficking in human beings and is a member of the Secretariat of the National Committee for Combating Trafficking in Human

Beings and Illegal Migration. Since 2011 she is Chairperson of the sub-group for combating trafficking in children. As Head of the Non-discrimination Unit in the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy she has experience in creating national documents, programmes, as well as establishing systematic changes that aim at improving the conditions in combating trafficking in human beings, creating laws and policies in the field of human rights, discrimination, protection and prevention of violence against women and family violence.



Stojne DIMISHKOVSKA

#### Programme Manager, NGO Open Gate/La Strada, North Macedonia

Stojna Atanasovska Dimishkovska is a Programme Manager for Prevention and Education with over 18 years of work experience in NGO Open Gate/La Strada Macedonia and provision of professional consultancy services for other national and international organisations such as OSCE, IOM, UNICEF, UNODC and the Council of Europe. She graduated at the Faculty of Pedagogy as a pre-school teacher and holds a masters degree in Social Work and social policy. Her experience includes working in the area of analysis of anti-trafficking and migration trends. She is experienced in development of cooperation with all relevant authorities in combating trafficking in human beings in the Republic of North Macedonia as well as different national and

international policy making bodies. Furthermore, she has been author/co-author of research studies, guidebooks and different publications in the area of human trafficking. Her work includes the coordination, monitoring and evaluation of the programme for Prevention and Awareness-raising of trafficking in human beings, as well as the coordination of projects; designing curricula for training and implementing trainings and education for youth and professionals. She is also heavily involved in youth work where she directs fortnightly youth activities in her community and facilitates youth exchanges whilst doubling as a project leader/coordinator on EU funded projects.

#### Kamelia DIMITROVA

# Founder and Executive Director of Dignita Foundation

Kamelia Dimitrova has more than sixteen years of experience in non-governmental and public sectors in the fields of combating trafficking in persons, managing migration and addressing social exclusion.

As the Executive Secretary of the National Commission for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (2015-2020), she was responsible for the drafting of the National Anti-trafficking Strategy 2015-2021 and for developing and implementing, together with NCCTHB Members and civil society, the annual anti-trafficking action plan. Her responsibilities included overseeing all structures under the anti-trafficking law (including 10 Local Commissions and 5 specialized facilities for victims of trafficking), managing the NCCTHB budget and team. Ms Dimitrova initiated changes in the law for combating trafficking in human beings, ensuring stronger protection for victims of trafficking in line with Council of Europe recommendations. The changes were adopted by Parliament in October 2019.

Ms Dimitrova served as the Anti-Trafficking National Coordinator for Bulgaria within international coordination networks, such as the informal network of national rapporteurs at the European Commission and the network of anti-trafficking coordinators of Southeastern Europe.

Prior to joining the Commission, she managed anti-trafficking projects in the Centre for the Study of Democracy (CSD) and led several international researches on trafficking in human beings (2008-2015).

She has a European Regional Master's Degree in Democracy and Human Rights in Southeast Europe from the University of Bologna and the University in Sarajevo.



## **Ekaterina DORODNOVA**

# Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Bosnia and Herzegovina

Ekaterina Dorodnova took up the position of Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Bosnia and Herzegovina on 1 September 2020. Ms Dorodnova has worked for the European Union for the past 17 years, including the European Commission (DG REGIO and DG RELEX), the European Parliament and the European External Action Service. She started out managing pre-accession assistance for EU candidate countries in 2003-2004 and further served in countries affected by protracted frozen conflicts, namely

in EU Delegations to the Republic of Moldova (2013-2017) and to the Republic of Armenia (2017-2020).

Ms Dorodnova's regional expertise also includes Latin America as she served as Policy Officer for Freedom, Security and Justice at the horizontal division for Latin America and the Caribbean in DG RELEX (2007-2009) and completed a Diplomatic Exchange and Secondment Programme at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain focusing on migration policy (2009-2011).

Ms Dorodnova worked as an external research fellow for the Centre for OSCE Research of the University of Hamburg between 1999 and 2002. She further applied her expertise in conflict prevention advising members of the European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties (2005-2007) and as policy officer at the Peacebuilding, Mediation and Conflict Prevention Division of the EEAS in Brussels (2011-2013).

Ms Dorodnova studied International Relations and European Studies in Riga, Latvia and Budapest, Hungary as well as Peace and Development Studies in Castellon de la Plana, Spain. She has also followed academic programmes in Italy, Sweden and the United States of America.



#### Saliha ĐUDERIJA

# Assistant Minister, Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Saliha Đuderija graduated from the Faculty of Law in Sarajevo in 1983 and obtained her master's degree from the Faculty of Criminology and Security Studies in Sarajevo in 2011. From 1984 to 1996, she was employed in the Municipality of Kakanj, in the Commission of the RBiH Government Commission / the Directorate of RBiH for Refugees, Displaced Persons of the Municipality of Kakanj. From 1996 to 2000, she worked in the Government of the Federation of BiH in the Federal Ministry of Social Policy, Displaced Persons and Refugees (Office for Displaced Persons and Refugees). In mid-2000, she transferred to the Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees of Bosnia and Herzegovina, where she held the position of Head of the Human Rights Department, and in May 2009 she was appointed Assistant Minister for Human

Rights of BiH, a position she still holds.

During her many years of work in the field of human rights, she worked on various projects related to drafting of laws, strategies, action plans, projects, and participated in many researches and creation of publications in cooperation with international, governmental and non-governmental organizations. Ms Djuderija's work is focused on the protection of human rights of children, women (victims of war), missing persons, victims of trafficking, persons with disabilities, the rights of minorities and other vulnerable groups.



# Mitar ĐURAŠKOVIĆ

## National Anti-trafficking Co-ordinator, Ministry of the Interior of Serbia

Mr Mitar ĐURAŠKOVIĆ has worked as a senior police officer in the Border Police Directorate, Ministry of the Interior since 1997. He was Head of the Department for suppression of cross border crime, illegal migration and human trafficking since 2006. Since 2017, Mr Djuraskovic was appointed to the position of Head of the Office for coordination of activities in the field of combating human trafficking within the Police Directorate, as National Anti-trafficking Coordinator. In 2004, he received the Ministry of the Interior Award and extraordinarily a

rank of major for THB related activities. Mr Djuraskvic has received Certificates of gratitude from NGOs for his work and efforts in combating THB (NGO Antos (2009), NGO Atina (2014), NGO Astra (2016).



# Amela EFENDIĆ

# Head of Sarajevo Office, NGO International Forum for Solidarity-Emmaus, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Amela Efendić is the Head of Office of the Association "International Forum of Solidarity-EMMAUS", in Sarajevo, the Chief Executive Officer of the European Resource Centre for the Prevention of Online Child Abuse and Other Forms of Exploitation, and the Founder and Manager of the Safer Internet Centre in Bosnia and Herzegovina. She has been involved in the prevention of human trafficking, illegal migration and online child sexual abuse for over 20 years. The US State Department TIP Report considered her a "Hero" in 2011. She is a certified trainer and author of various publications, including the latest prepared in the framework of

the joint European Union and Council of Europe programme "Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Turkey 2019-2022": "Trafficking in Human Beings in Bosnia and Herzegovina for the Purpose of Labour Exploitation" and "Age Assessment of Children at Risk of Trafficking in Human Beings in Bosnia and Herzegovina".



# Lejla GAČANICA

#### Legal Advisor and Researcher, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Lejla Gačanica is a PhD candidate and is currently working as a legal advisor and independent researcher. She is interested in anti-discrimination standards and human rights with a focus on gender equality. She is the author of published articles and analytical, scientific and research works in these fields, including "Guidelines for the integration gender dimension into local action plans for combating trafficking in human beings in Bosnia and Herzegovina" and co-authored "Guidance for stakeholders in

Bosnia and Herzegovina - Promoting gender equality and combating gender-based violence and stereotypes as means of combating trafficking in human beings" for Council of Europe.



#### **David GVINERIA**

#### **Child Protection Specialist, UNICEF Albania**

David has 12 years of continuous programming experience in child protection within UNICEF. He was an active contributor to the Juvenile Justice reform process in his native Georgia and authored an innovative 'Sports for Development' rehabilitation programme for young offenders leaving penitentiary institutions. Afterwards, while working in southern Africa, he spearheaded the modeling and subsequent establishment of the One-Stop Centre network – multi-functional service hubs to combat child sexual abuse - in Swaziland. Later he led the development of a joint programme for six southern African countries on countering all forms

of violence against children.

Since 2017, David is the technical lead at UNICEF Albania, covering a wide range of child protection issues and currently focusing on children's protection from online sexual abuse and trafficking.

Before joining UNICEF, David worked with several international development organizations and was engaged in the provision of humanitarian relief to people affected by war and armed conflicts.

Earlier, David, as a youth activist, worked regularly with the Council of Europe, the European Parliament and multiple European youth organizations.

David holds bachelor's degrees in Economics, Conflict studies and a master's degree in International Politics from the Université libre de Bruxelles. He speaks Georgian, English, Russian, and a little bit of French.



# Melisa HASANOVIĆ

# Head of the Centre for Social Welfare Hadžići, Cantonal CSW Sarajevo

Melisa Hasanović works as the focal point for the Ušivak migrant camp. She represents the Cantonal Centre in the Migration Crisis Co-ordination team, where she provides support to unaccompanied minors, placed at the camp. She has the role of liaison officer with other institutions and organisations in the area.

She is involved in various stages of work with victims of trafficking in human beings. This engagement involves activities related to the identification, processing, accommodation and facilitation of assistance by civil society organizations (CSOs) to the THB victims. Since 2020, she is a member of the multi-sectoral coordination team in Sarajevo Canton, which is in charge of co-ordinating all cantonal policies and direct assistance of victims.



Jelena HRNJAK

# NGO ATINA, Serbia

Jelena Hrnjak is a women's and human rights activist, who believes in the strength of civic actions as the key in the fight for equality. She is considered one of the most experienced professionals in the field of combating human trafficking in Serbia, especially when it comes to programming and providing support to children who have survived exploitation. As a Programme Manager of NGO Atina, Jelena has been managing the work of the organization for the past 12 years, particularly its comprehensive programme of social inclusion for human trafficking victims. Jelena is one of the founders of a women's social enterprise and initiative, the Bagel Bejgl shop, which provides survivors of trafficking the opportunity to attain professional experience and increase their opportunities for future employment. Jelena has

led numerous trainings for police officers, prosecutors, social workers, and judges in Serbia. She has also helped with the development of local and national networks of institutions to support more structured and efficient identification and protection of child trafficking victims.

Jelena has also, for almost a decade, worked as a journalist in Switzerland and Serbia, and graduated from the Faculty of Political Science at the University of Belgrade. She is a member of the Act Now international expert working group against exploitation and human trafficking based in Vienna, Austria. She is an alumnus of the BFPE School of Political Excellence, as well as the Vital Voices programme of the Global Partnership from the USA. She is President of the Board of Directors of the NGO Praxis and editor, author and co-author of numerous researches and analyses on the topic of human and women's rights protection.



#### **Miroslav JOVANOVIC**

## Social Worker in the Centre for Human Trafficking Victims Protection, Serbia

Miroslav Jovanovic is a master social worker and student of systemic family psychotherapy. He has been working in the Centre for Human Trafficking Victims Protection since 2019. He has several years of previous working experience in social protection, especially in working with vulnerable groups. He works on identification of human trafficking victims, coordinates protection of victims and provides them support in Shelter. Miroslav is co-author and moderator of mental health workshops for victims of human trafficking and co-author and

moderator of education on working with human trafficking victims for professional workers in social work centres. He writes a blog for Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit of Government of the Republic of Serbia. He is founder and formal representative of the local NGO Empathy, which promotes human rights and innovative social services.



# **Oleksandr KYRYLENKO**

# Programme Officer, OSCE Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings

Oleksandr Kyrylenko joined the Office of the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings in April 2016. His current portfolio covers victim protection issues, including in crisis contexts and in addressing child trafficking. Prior to this, Oleksandr implemented anti-trafficking projects with the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, including piloting, adoption and implementation of Ukraine's National Referral Mechanism for victims of trafficking in human beings. Oleksandr formerly headed the British Council's regional

centre in South-Eastern Ukraine and taught English at Donetsk National University. He holds a specialist diploma in English and French and an MA in Mass Communications from Leicester University, UK.



Lori MANN

#### **International Consultant, France**

Lori Mann has a JD from Columbia Law School and a BA from the University of California at Berkeley. She worked for over twenty years in the fields of international human rights and rule of law, with a strong focus on women's rights and gender equality, including violence against women and human trafficking. She founded an international women's rights NGO dedicated to strategic litigation, Women's Link Worldwide, and has since worked primarily

as a consultant for diverse UN agencies and the Council of Europe in countries around the world.



# Siobhán MULLALLY

# UN Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially in women and children

Siobhán Mullally is professor of human rights law and director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights at the School of Law, National University of Ireland, Galway. From 2012-2018, she was a member of the Council of Europe Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA). She was President of GRETA from 2016-2018 and 1st Vice-President from 2014-2016.

Ms Mullally has worked with international NGOs and UN agencies in many parts of the world including. She is the recipient of numerous research awards for work relating to gender equality, migration and refugee protection, human trafficking and migrant workers, including from the Irish Research Council, European Commission, Irish Aid, International Bar Association, Nuffield Foundation.



#### Aleksandra MIĆIĆ

# Project Co-ordinator, Centre for Youth Integration, Serbia

Aleksandra Mićić is programme coordinator in charge of developing, coordinating, implementing and monitoring the Centre for Youth Integration's projects of protection and support refugee and migrants in Serbia. CYI is an organization which improves the position of children at risk, by promoting policies and practices in accordance with the needs of

children, by improving the quality of work, by providing services and developing a model of assistance in Belgrade and in other communities.



#### Petya NESTOROVA

# Executive Secretary of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings

Petya Nestorova has been responsible for the Council of Europe's activities in the area of combating trafficking in human beings since 2010. She oversees all aspects on the monitoring of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings, including country visits, preparation of reports and recommendations, and follow-up on their implementation. She also manages the organisation of activities to promote the Council of Europe's standards on combating human trafficking, in close collaboration with public officials, civil society and other intergovernmental organisations. Ms Nestorova holds Master's degrees

in international Economic Relations and Comparative European Studies, as well as a PhD from the University of Sussex, UK.



#### **Olivier PEYROUX**

# Sociologist and International Expert, France

Olivier Peyroux is a sociologist and expert for many national and international organizations He's also member of the National French coordination against THB and judicial expert. He's an academic, his main focus is on migration, human trafficking, children on the move. He is the author of several publications including "Fantasies and Realities Fueling Child trafficking in Europe" (2016), Les fantömes de l'Europe (2020), He has different collaborations with the University of Harvard and the University of Oxford. Besides his commitment as an Academic and an expert, he founded several NGOs for identification and protection of children victims of

trafficking in France. He also works as a judicial expert for the French Ministry of Justice in connection with Eurojust. He has participated in numerous joint investigation teams with Romania, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia regarding THB. Most of them were concerning minors exploited in forced criminality, begging, early marriage for domestic servitude and sexual exploitation.



#### **Samir RIZVO**

# Anti-trafficking Co-ordinator of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Samir Rizvo has more than 35 years of experience in the areas of police and criminal police, international cooperation in the field of security, fight against human trafficking, fight against terrorism and organized crime, migration management, NATO and European integrations.

He started his professional career in the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1985 as a constable/patrolman, after which he worked as a crime scene investigation officer and as an inspector in the Crime Investigation Division of Sarajevo Police Department. From 1994 he was the Head of Sarajevo Central Police Station, and then from 1996 the Head of the Crime Investigation Division of Sarajevo Police Department. He has been appointed Assistant Minister with the Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina - Head of Sector for International Relations and European Integrations since 2004, and at the same time he is also carrying out the function of National Coordinator for the Fight against Trafficking in Human Beings and Illegal Migration.



#### **Drahoslav ŠTEFÁNEK**

# Ambassador, Special Representative of the Secretary General on Migration and Refugees, Council of Europe

In January 2020, Ambassador Drahoslav Štefánek took up his functions as the Special Representative on Migration and Refugees of Council of Europe Secretary General Marija Pejčinović Burić. A lawyer by training and a career diplomat, Drahoslav Štefánek was the Head of the Council of Europe Office in Sarajevo and Ambassador

and Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the Council of Europe. At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovakia, he was the Director General for the UN, International Organisations, EU Affairs and Human Rights. He also chaired the UN Working Group on an optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child. His diplomatic career includes posts responsible for Human Rights and Political Affairs at the Slovak Permanent Mission to the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva, and at the Permanent Mission of Slovakia to the United Nations in New York. Prior to that, he has served as the Agent of Slovakia as well as a Member of the Delegation representing Slovakia before the International Court of Justice. Mr Drahoslav Štefánek holds a JUDr in Law from Matej Bel University and law degrees from the Bratislava and Utrecht universities.



#### Verena TAYLOR

#### Director of the Office of the Directorate General of Programmes, Council of Europe

Verena holds a PhD in political science and, after working with civil society/NGOs in Vienna and London, joined the Council of Europe in 1989 when the Organisation expanded rapidly, both with regard to member States and to new standards. She is responsible for the programming, resource mobilisation and decentralised implementation of/for Council of Europe cooperation and technical assistance. She strongly believes that the Organisation's standards and policies on human rights, the rule of law and participation are as relevant today as they were when the Council of Europe was founded in 1949.



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#### **Kirsten THEUNS**

#### Head of Southern Europe Delegation, Terre des Hommes Foundation

Kirsten Theuns has been working for NGOs focused on Human Rights (esp. child, migrant & refugee rights) for 15 years. For the past 7 years she has been representing the Europe region for Terre des hommes (www.tdh.ch). First as the Head of Eastern Europe, overseeing operations in Romania, Moldova, and Ukraine. And currently as the Head of Southern Europe, managing teams and activities in Albania, Greece, Kosovo, North Macedonia, and Montenegro. Combating child-trafficking is a key priority within Kirsten's mandate and several (inter)national projects on the topic are managed by her teams in the Western



#### Svetlana VLAHOVIC DIMANOVSKA

# Deputy Anti-trafficking Coordinator, National Commission on Fight against Trafficking in Human Beings and Illegal Migration, North Macedonia

Ms Vlahovic Dimanovska has been working in the Ministry of the Interior since 2007. In this capacity she coordinates activities fighting human trafficking and illegal migration. She coordinates the activities related to the Peer Missions in the area of Freedom, Justice and Security and presides the working group for drafting and implementation of the National Strategy for strengthening the capacities for conducting financial investigations and

confiscation of assets. She worked as a legal advisor in the Sector for legal affairs and personnel. Ms Vlahovic Dimanovska occupied the position of Senior Inspector in Criminal Police. She holds a Masters degree in the area of criminal law and criminal matters.



Daja WENKE
International Researcher and Policy Analyst, Italy

Daja Wenke is an independent researcher and consultant specialised in policy analysis and applied research in the child rights field. She has long-standing professional experience as a staff member of UNICEF and providing consultancy and policy development services for national governments, intergovernmental organisations such as the Council of Europe and the Council of the Baltic Sea States, international and national NGOs. As an independent professional, she supports rights-based and evidence informed policymaking, programming and practice. Her guiding interest is the promotion of systemic approaches to the implementation of the UN

Convention on the Rights of the Child. To this end, she collaborates with a transdisciplinary group of professionals to advance the capability of public administrations to implement international standards in practice, from an investment perspective promoting socio-political transformation processes in the best interests of the child and the society.



## Irena ZDRAVKOVA

# Lawyer, Macedonian Young Lawyers Association (MYLA)

Irena Zdravkova is a law graduate, and she is working in the Macedonian Young Lawyers Association (MYLA). She graduated at Iustinianus Primus Law Faculty under the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University of Skopje, in 2008. She passed the bar exam in 2010. Her special interest is international law, refugee law and human rights protection. She is actively involved in activities for preventing and combating human trafficking and she is a member of the anti-

trafficking mobile team which is operating in Tetovo.