

Ivailo Kalfin

CURRICULUM VITAE

Personal data

Born May 30th, 1964 in Sofia. Bulgarian nationality.

Career development

Since January 2017 Senior Lecturer Varna University of Management.

Teaching Financial Management.

2014-now Member of the High Level Group on Own Resources. Exploring new alternatives for own resources to the EU budget with a mandate, agreed by the European Council, the European Parliament and the European Commission.

October 2014-May 2016 Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Labour and Social Policy. Lead the reform of the long term parameters of the public pension system, increasing its financial stability, predictability and the public confidence, in dialogue and with the consent of the social partners. Introduced targeted policies on tackling unemployment with a special focus on youth, 50+ and vulnerable groups. As a result the unemployment rate in Bulgaria fell below the EU average. Started a fundamental reform of the social policy, focused on the efficiency of the public expenditures and increasing the possibilities for shared funding. Supervised the work of the best performing in Bulgaria Operating Programme “Human Resources”, funded by the European Social Fund. In charge of the development of strategies and drafting of the national legislation on equal opportunities and the social enterprises. Chaired the national tripartite dialogue with employers and trade unions and the National council for ethnic and demographic issues.

July 2014-October 2014 – Member of Parliament. Leader of the group of ABV political party. Led the negotiations on the political priorities of the government, on behalf of ABV.

July 2009-June 2014 – Member of the European Parliament. Vice chair of the Committee on Budgets (BUDG), member of the Committee on Budgetary Control (CONT), the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE) and the temporary Committee on the Financial, Economic and Social Crisis (CRIS). Leader of the Bulgarian Socialist Delegation. Coordinator of the S&D Group in

BUDG. Main activities in areas of budget, discharge procedures and the work of the ECA, cybersecurity, digital economy, nuclear energy. Rapporteur on number of legislative and own initiative reports as the Multiannual Financial Framework (2014-2020), the Re-use of Public Information Directive, the EU Cybersecurity strategy, the external mandate of EIB (twice), etc. Member of the European Internet Forum and the European Financial Services Forum.

September 2005-July 2009 Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs. Led the process of ratification of the Bulgaria's EU Accession Agreement with 24 member states. Initiated the EU Black Sea Synergy and was actively involved in devising the Eastern Partnership. Initiated and lead the implementation of the restructuring and streamlining of the cooperation mechanisms in South Eastern Europe. During the Bulgarian chairmanship the current structure – the South Eastern Europe Cooperation Process (SEEC) and the Regional cooperation council were endorsed with the current functions as a main engine of the regional cooperation. Actively worked for creating positive post Kosovo conflict political developments. Attracted third country partners as the EU, USA, Russia, Japan for initiatives, stabilizing and promoting the cooperation in South Eastern Europe and the Black sea region. Actively participated in the GAERC and in a number of negotiations on key EU issues, including MFF (2007-2013). Lead and brought to a successful result delicate missions as bringing home from Libya the Bulgarian medics, sentenced to death and other kidnapped Bulgarian nationals. Initiated and lead the implementation of the Law on the Diplomatic Service - the modern legal framework of the Bulgarian diplomatic service.

2002-2005 Economic Policy Secretary to the President of Bulgaria. Followed and analyzed the economic developments and provided advice to the Head of State. Initiated and monitored drafting of annual reports for the President, by independent experts, forecasting the long term economic developments and suggesting adequate policy answers.

1997-2002 Senior Partner IMCA Associates. Corporate consultancy, political risk assessment in Bulgaria.

1994-1997 Member of Parliament. Member of the committees of budget and foreign policy. Vice chair of the Joint Parliamentary Committee EU-Bulgaria.

1991-1994 Managing Partner in a trade company. International trade export of frozen fruits.

2001-2010 Senior Lecturer, High School of Management, Sofia. Lecturing courses in Financial Reporting, Financial Management and Investments to BSc students of the University of Portsmouth, UK.

Education

1999 – MSc International Banking, Loughborough University, UK;

1988 – MSc International Economic Relations, University for National and World Economy, Bulgaria

1983 – Lycée français, Sofia (with Honors)

Educational Courses

1998 – International Marketing, Economic University, Vienna;

Current – Computer Programming C++, Java

Others

Doctor Honoris Causa (2008) Loughborough University, UK;

Doctor Honoris Causa (2016) Russe University, Bulgaria;

Chevening Scholar, UK;

Marshall Memorial Fellow, the German Marshall Fund of the US, USA;

Member of the European Council for Foreign Relations;

Awarded with high orders of Norway, Denmark, the Holly Order of Malta;

Delivered lectures at various universities in Bulgaria, UK, France, USA, Russia.

Languages

Fluent in Bulgarian (mother tongue), English, French.

Good in Spanish and Russian.

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