

## Europass Curriculum Vitae



### Personal information

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Nationality Bulgarian/Belgian

Gender Female

### Work experience

Dates September 2020 – ongoing

Occupation or position held Head of EU Advocacy and Campaigns

Main activities and responsibilities

- Managing Lumos' EU Liaison Office and advocacy towards the EU
- Co-Chair of the Children's Rights Action Group (CRAG) for 2021-2022
- Supervising the preparation and implementation of advocacy strategies with main focus on EU funding (EU Structural and Investment Funds, IPA III and Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument)
- Preparing and supervising the preparation of policy documents
- Managing the organisation of high level events
- Representing Lumos in various coalitions and platforms.

Name and address of employer Lumos (<http://wearelumos.org/>), Brussels

Dates December 2019 – September 2020

Occupation or position held EU Advocacy and Campaigns Senior Advisor

Main activities and responsibilities

- Managing Lumos' EU Liaison Office and advocacy towards the EU
- Co-Chair of the European Expert Group on the Transition from Institutional to Community-based Care (EEG) for 2020
- Supervising the preparation and implementation of advocacy strategies with main focus on EU funding
- Leading Lumos' advocacy towards the European Investment Bank (EIB)
- Preparing and supervising the preparation of policy documents
- Managing the organisation of high level events
- Raising awareness about deinstitutionalisation of children among key EU stakeholders
- Representing Lumos in various coalitions and platforms.

Name and address of employer Lumos (<http://wearelumos.org/>), Brussels

Dates May 2015 – December 2019

Occupation or position held EU Advocacy Manager

Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managing Lumos' EU Liaison Office and advocacy towards the EU</li> <li>• Supervising the preparation and implementation of advocacy strategies with main focus on EU funding</li> <li>• Supervising the project management of the Community Living for Europe: Structural Fund Watch Initiative as well as the preparation of its publications and organisation of launch events</li> <li>• Leading Lumos' advocacy towards the European Investment Bank (EIB)</li> <li>• Preparing and supervising the preparation of policy documents</li> <li>• Managing the organisation of high level events, including the conference "No child left behind: Families not institutions - EU external action championing children's rights", co-hosted by the Commissioner Neven Mimica and Lumos' Founder and life President J. K. Rowling – June 2018</li> <li>• Raising awareness about care reform among key EU stakeholders</li> <li>• Representing Lumos in various coalitions and platforms.</li> </ul>
Name and address of employer	Lumos ( <a href="http://wearelumos.org/">http://wearelumos.org/</a> ), Brussels
Dates	March 2013 – May 2015
Occupation or position held	EU Policy and Advocacy Adviser
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing an overview and analysis of and advice on EU policy and legislation</li> <li>• Preparing policy documents and reports</li> <li>• Raising awareness about care reform among key EU stakeholders</li> <li>• Representing Lumos at various coalitions and platforms.</li> </ul>
Name and address of employer	Lumos ( <a href="http://wearelumos.org/">http://wearelumos.org/</a> ), Brussels
Dates	September 2009 – May 2015
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on Person Centred Technology in Bulgaria and the Czech Republic for Hft, UK, April 2014</li> <li>• Consultant for social inclusion for the project "Together in learning and playing" of Diverse and Equal association (<a href="http://www.diverseequal.eu/">http://www.diverseequal.eu/</a>) focused on school integration of Roma children in Bulgaria – November 2012 – July 2013</li> <li>• Contributor to Ask the expert section of Forbes Bulgaria</li> <li>• Consultant to Habitat for Humanity Bulgaria (<a href="http://www.habitatbulgaria.eu/en/index.php">http://www.habitatbulgaria.eu/en/index.php</a>) – May – July 2011</li> <li>• Training for employers, Sibenik, Croatia, April 2011</li> <li>• Training day on EU policies and legislation for older people in the framework of a Grundtvig working atelier, Agency for social inclusion, Varna, Bulgaria, June 2011</li> <li>• Monitoring the implementation of anti-discrimination legislation in the access to goods and services: tools and methods, presentation, Study Tour on the role of the civil society organisations in fighting discrimination, EC, Ankara, Turkey, June 2010</li> <li>• How to raise public awareness about discrimination against people with disabilities, workshop, Seminar on the inclusion and independent living of people with disabilities, EC, Zagreb, Croatia, November 2010</li> </ul>
Dates	October 2012 – July 2013
Occupation or position held	Grundtvig Assistant under the EU Life long learning programme
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exploring the Flemish experience in providing labour integration services to people from disadvantaged groups in order to be able to train other professionals to do the same job and to support establishment of similar services.</li> </ul>
Name and address of employer	GTB ( <a href="http://www.gtb-vlaanderen.be">http://www.gtb-vlaanderen.be</a> ), Flanders
Type of business or sector	NGO
Dates	April 2011 – March 2013
Occupation or position held	Founder and Chair
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managing the organisation's activities</li> <li>• Organisation seminars, conferences and other events</li> <li>• Identifying funding opportunities and bid writing</li> <li>• Establishing partnerships</li> <li>• Preparing proposals for amendments to policy and legislative documents</li> <li>• Creating content for the organisation website and FB page</li> <li>• Organising media campaigns, seminars, trainings and round tables</li> </ul>



Name and address of employer	Bulgarian Association for Supported Employment (BASE – <a href="http://www.base-bg.eu">www.base-bg.eu</a> ), Sofia
Type of business or sector	Non-governmental organisation
Dates	July 2011 – September 2012
Occupation or position held	Project Manager (maternity cover for Operations Manager)
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managing all the services, projects and operations of the Foundation</li> <li>• Overseeing the work of six small group homes for children and young adults with intellectual disabilities run by the Foundation in the town of Kyustendil</li> <li>• Providing training the job coaches of the young adults hired on the open labour market</li> <li>• Co-author of the publication People with Intellectual Disabilities and Their Right To Participate in the Decision Making Process (Sept 2012) and the book Creating New Horizons: Sharing the Experience of the Cedar Foundation in the Closure of the Institution for Children and Youth with Disabilities in Gorna Koznitsa (June 2012)</li> <li>• Writing policy and position papers</li> <li>• Writing press releases and other information materials</li> <li>• Organising and providing a PR training for the Foundation employees</li> </ul>
Name and address of employer	The Cedar Foundation ( <a href="http://www.cedarfoundation.org/en/">http://www.cedarfoundation.org/en/</a> ), Sofia, Kyustendil, Kazanlak
Type of business or sector	NGO
Dates	February – July 2009
Occupation or position held	Policy Officer (maternity cover)
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparing the EDF position on transport, built environment, gender and tourism</li> <li>• Preparing proposals for amendments to the EU legislation in the above areas</li> <li>• Leading the advocacy towards the EU institutions in the above areas</li> <li>• Participating in conferences and in working groups</li> <li>• Preparing articles and other information materials</li> </ul>
Name and address of employer	European Disability Forum (EDF) ( <a href="http://www.edf-feeph.org/">http://www.edf-feeph.org/</a> ), Brussels
Type of business or sector	European non-governmental organisation
Dates	15 May – 31 December 2008
Occupation or position held	Press and Communication Officer (maternity cover)
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparing EDF press releases</li> <li>• Preparing quarterly newsletter Disability Voice</li> <li>• Maintaining contact with media</li> <li>• Managing and developing EDF's website</li> <li>• Co-organising the International Day of Disabled People conference together with the European Commission</li> </ul>
Name and address of employer	European Disability Forum (EDF - <a href="http://www.edf-feeph.org/">http://www.edf-feeph.org/</a> ), Brussels
Type of business or sector	European non-governmental organisation
Dates	January 2006 – October 2007
Occupation or position held	Deputy Mayor for Health Care, Social Services and Integration of People with Disabilities
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managing and developing the domains in charge</li> <li>• Being in charge of the municipal strategies and legislative acts in the above areas</li> <li>• Managing the organisation of high level events such as the first conference of the European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD) in Bulgaria</li> <li>• Initiating and implementing of projects</li> <li>• Municipal coordinator of the Program "Prevention and Control of HIV/AIDS"</li> <li>• Chair of the Managing Committee for the project „Youth in Europe” of European Cities Against Drugs (ECAD)</li> <li>• Member of the Council for European Integration at Sofia Municipality</li> </ul>
Name and address of employer	Sofia Municipality ( <a href="http://www.sofia.bg">www.sofia.bg</a> )
Type of business or sector	Local authority

Dates	January 2001 – December 2005
Occupation or position held	Editor
Name and address of employer	Various online news agencies and newspapers with business and EU focus
Type of business or sector	Media
Dates	February – July 2003
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparing a weekly briefing on enlargement for the Head of Division</li> <li>• Editor of the European relations and politics section in the newsletter of the European Parliament's Trainee Association</li> </ul>
Name and address of employer	European Parliament, Brussels
Type of business or sector	Administration
<b>Education and training</b>	
Dates	2007/2008
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	European Integration and Development – European Politics and Social Integration
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB - <a href="http://www.vub.ac.be/english/index.php">http://www.vub.ac.be/english/index.php</a> )
Level in national or international classification	Master's Degree, graduated with Grade of Distinction Thesis: Good Practices of Labour Integration of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities in Belgium. Recommendations to Bulgaria ( <a href="http://www.disabilitymonitor-see.org/index.php?limitstart=10">http://www.disabilitymonitor-see.org/index.php?limitstart=10</a> )
Dates	1994/1999
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Slavonic Studies – Czech Language and Literature Thesis: Jara Cimrman Theatre – Imagery and Plots
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski ( <a href="http://www.uni-sofia.bg/index.php/eng/">http://www.uni-sofia.bg/index.php/eng/</a> )
Level in national or international classification	Master's Degree
Dates	April – June 1999
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Specialisation
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	Charles University ( <a href="http://www.cuni.cz/UKENG-1.html">http://www.cuni.cz/UKENG-1.html</a> ), Prague
Dates	1990 – 1994
Principal subjects/occupational skills covered	Bulgarian Language and Literature profile
Name and type of organisation providing education and training	St. st. Cyril and Methodius, Burgas
Level in national or international classification	Secondary Education
Dates	5 – 8 August 2013

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Level in national or international classification	Accreditation for Expert-practitioner by Handicap International and the European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD), 2010																																																																																										
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Social skills and competences	An experienced leader, manager and networker.																																																																																										
Organisational skills and competences	Excellent organisational skills, developed in the delivery of high-level events at national and Brussels level.																																																																																										
Computer skills and competences	Microsoft Windows, Microsoft Office – Word and Excel, Power Point, Internet																																																																																										
Driving license	B category, issued in 2000																																																																																										