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ABOUT ME

Experienced in the field of finance - in the private, public and non-profit sectors. Financial analysis, budgeting, project management skills. Author of a wide range of scientific publications, textbooks and teaching aids. Experienced with leadership positions with management of teams and processes.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor / Secretary General

VUZF University [01/2023 – Current]

City: Sofia

Country: Bulgaria

Lecturer in public finance and tax management, fundamentals of finance, economics, financial management (in English) and public finance (in English).

Research work in the field of public finance and financial literacy.

Chief Expert

Bulgarian Parliament - Fiscal Council of Bulgaria [03/2018 – Current]

City: Sofia

Country: Bulgaria

Fiscal analyses, developing motivated opinions on strategic budget and reporting documents, monitoring of compliance with numerical fiscal rules. Participation in conferences and expert meetings at the national and European level. Conducting research and developing reports and other analytical materials.

Chief Financial Consultant

Education 5.0 Foundation [04/2018 – Current]

City: Sofia

Country: Bulgaria

Strategic and operational budgeting, analysis of budget variances, evaluation of efficiency and effectiveness, benchmarking.

Cash flow planning and forecasting and liquidity management.

Consultant, management of fintech projects

Infinno AD [07/2021 – 07/2023]

City: Sofia

Country: Bulgaria

Design and management of fintech projects in the field of: open banking; transaction monitoring; detection and prevention of fraud (fraud detection); software for remote "know your customer" identification of individuals and legal entities (KYC/KYB) and ultimate beneficial owners (UBO); integration with state registers; anti-money laundering software (AML software) and blacklisting.

Finance Manager

Junior Achievement Bulgaria [03/2014 – 03/2018]

City: Sofia

Country: Bulgaria

Budgeting, analysis of budget variances, evaluation of efficiency and effectiveness. Monitoring of cash flows, control of receipts and payments. Presentation of key performance indicators (KPIs) to senior management. Research activity, participation in projects in secondary education. Development and teaching of educational content in the field of economics. Curriculum design.

Project management with partners and stakeholders at local and international level in the field of entrepreneurship, economics and financial literacy.

Joint projects with institutional partners: OECD, Ministry of Education and Science, Ministry of Economy, Bulgarian National Bank, Financial Supervision Commission, EBRD, National Revenue Agency; with branch organizations and representatives of the financial sector: Citibank Bulgaria, Mastercard Bulgaria, NN Bulgaria, Metlife Bulgaria, UniCredit Bulbank, BNP Pariba personal finance, Karoll, Bulstrad Life, DZI, POK Doverie, etc.

(until April 2017 - "financial and business analysis" expert).

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

PhD in economics

University of National and World Economy [02/2016 – 11/2019]

City: Sofia

Country: Bulgaria

Thesis: Theoretical and methodological aspects of budgeting in non-profit organisation (the case of foundation)

Full-time PhD study, Accountancy and analysis department, Financial and accountancy faculty, PhD thesis in the field of management accounting

Master of accounting, specialising 'Financial reporting'

University of National and World Economy [09/2014 – 07/2015]

Master's thesis in the field of financial instruments, developed on the basis of desk research and consultations, conducted in the Oxford University and the Bodleian Library.

Bachelor of finance

University of National and World Economy [09/2009 – 10/2013]

Secondary education with professional qualification 'Accountant'

National High School of Commerce [09/2004 – 06/2009]

City: Plovdiv

Country: Bulgaria

Professional qualification "Economist - Manager"

Center for Professional Qualification "Interbusiness - Ivanova & partners" [10/2006 – 12/2008]

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **Bulgarian**

Other language(s):

English

LISTENING C2 READING C2 WRITING C2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION C2 SPOKEN INTERACTION C2

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

DIGITAL SKILLS

MAC OS / Google (Google Meet, Google Docs, Google Classroom, Google Forms, Google Drive, Google Slide); / Jira - Atlassian / Asana / LimeSurvey / SPSS Statistics / MS Windows / Microsoft Office 365 / Microinvest / Ciela.net / Lakorda / Social networks

NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

National Association of Economics Educators

[2022 – Current]

Member of the Management Board

The Interagency Working Group on Financial Literacy

[2021 – Current]

Member of the Interagency Coordination Mechanism on Financial Literacy, headed by the Minister of Finance.

VUZFLab

[2020 – Current]

Laboratory for scientific and applied research at VUZF

PROJECTS

Opportunities for applying innovative management accounting models

[2020 – 2022]

Scientific research project of UNWE - NI-1-2020

Practical finance

[2017 – 2018]

Conducted jointly by Junior Achievement Bulgaria, the EBRD, the Ministry of Education and Science, the Financial Supervision Commission, the National Revenue Agency and eight professional associations with members in all fields of finance – focused on content development

Transnational partnership for jobs creation and growth through re-incubation and impact investments (PRINCIPAL)

[2018]

The project was implemented by Euroconsultants Bulgaria S.A. AD; participation as a speaker and jury

Nationally representative study on financial fragility of Bulgarian households

[2017]

Conducted jointly between Junior Achievement Bulgaria, the MetLife Foundation and Trend Research Centre – focused on evaluating the capability of households to cover unexpected expenses

Jobs of the future in the financial and accounting sphere

[2017]

National forum for career guidance, organized by "Junior Achievement Bulgaria"

Research and enhancement of financial literacy of Bulgarian students

[2015 – 2016]

Conducted jointly by Junior Achievement Bulgaria, OECD and the Ministry of Education and Science – nationally representative study and educational content development.

EXPERT ACTIVITY

Lecturer at the National Centre for Continuous Professional Development of Pedagogical Specialists at the Ministry of Education and Science

[2023 – Current]

Jury appointed by the Ministry of Education and Science for conducting the national competition "Virtual Enterprise"

[2012 – 2018]

Jury appointed by the Ministry of Economy for evaluation of projects for European entrepreneurship promotion awards (EEPA)

[2016 – 2017]

Lecturer at the Ministry of Education and Science on the "Professional Development of Pedagogical Staff" program

[2016]