

CURRICULUM VITAE



MARGARITTA STEPHANOVA POPOVA

Born on 15th May 1956 in Sofia, Bulgaria
Married with two children

Vice-President of the Republic of Bulgaria

(elected at direct national elections in a common list with the President of the Republic of Bulgaria according to the Chapter IV of the Constitution. In office since 22 January 2012)

• PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2009 - 2011	Minister of Justice Basic projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Strategy for enhancement of the judiciary reform and consequent amendments of the Judiciary Act- Strategy for the state criminal law policy and consequent draft of a new Criminal Code- Draft of a new Criminal Assets Forfeiture Act developed in cooperation with experts from the Venetian Committee of the Council of Europe- Strategy for state policy in the area of juvenile justice- Strategy for a new Administrative Procedure Code- Amendments in a number of anti-corruption acts
2006 - 2009	Prosecutor in the Supreme Cassation Prosecution and Coordinator between the National Institute of Justice and the Prosecution of the Republic of Bulgaria (focused on trainings of judges, prosecutors and investigators)
2007 - 2009	Head of the Combating Crimes against the EU Financial System Department – established with the support of EU experts and the OLAF managing bodies.
1993 - 2006	Prosecutor in the Sofia District Prosecution, Deputy-District Prosecutor in the Sofia District Prosecution, Chief Prosecutor of the Sofia District Prosecution Participation in two PHARE projects related to counteracting organised crime and corruption and to the establishment of effective structures and investigating practices with the assistance of international consultants from Germany, Austria and Italy.
2005 - 2009	Lecturer in the National Institute of Justice
2001 - 2004	Lecturer in the Academy of the Ministry of Interior, Sofia
1991 r- 1993	Prosecutor in the Svoge Regional Prosecution
1990 - 1991	Junior prosecutor in the Purdop Regional Prosecution
1981 - 1987	Proof-reader , Military publishing house with the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Bulgaria

- **EDUCATION**

1975	German language high-school 'Berthold Brecht", Pazardhik
1980	Master in Bulgarian philology with a second specialization in German language, Sofia University 'St. Clement of Ochrid'
1989	Master in law, Sofia University 'St. Clement of Ochrid'

- **FOREIGN LANGUAGES** German, English, Russian

- **PROFESSIONAL SPECIALIZATION EXPERIENCE**

USA, 1998	Georgetown University, Washington: crimes against copyright, organised crime
HUNGARY, 1999	Department of Justice, USA, and Police Academy, Budapest: international organised crime
GERMANY, 2001 - 2005	German foundation for international legal cooperation (IRZ): structure and powers of German judicial and prosecutorial authorities, pre-judicial and judicial investigation, enforcement of penalties, organised crime and corruption, European criminal-law cooperation. Management of judiciary structures.
Since 2003	Lecturer at international seminars and forums (Bulgaria, Germany, Austria, The Netherlands, Italy, France)
FRANCE, 2005 - 2006	Leader of a group of junior prosecutors in the National School for Training of Magistrates, Boudreaux