

## **Curriculum Vitae**

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*Professional Background*

### **2017 May – Present**

- Researcher of the project “NARKOMAP-improving knowledge on opiates and NPS trafficking in Europe”- funded by European Commission and coordinated for Bulgaria by RiscMonitor
- Coordinator and community representative of PWUD of the project “Fast-Track TB/HIV Responses for Key Populations in EECA Cities” project funding by Global Fund.
- Trainer of the "Reducing the Risks of Using Drugs among Young People." Project funded by Telus International - education and drug prevention among young people who live in risk.

### **2016 March – Present- Co-founder and Chair of “Center for Humane Policy”**

**2014 January – Present – Recruiter of Scientific Project " Types of impulsivity for heroin and stimulant users" funded by the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) in the USA with grant R01DA21421 and implemented jointly by Virginia Commonwealth University and Bulgarian Addictions Institute.**

**2011 December – 2016 July -** Advocacy coordinator, trainer, outreach worker at “Initiative for Health” foundation. Establishing contacts and networking with organizations working worldwide on creating new and successful policies for drug users. As a worker in the Foundation I have been a trainer of several workshops on the principles of harm reduction provided to volunteers and professionals. I am also leading training sessions for people using drugs in prisons. I am an outreach worker in the needle exchange program at “Initiative for Health” Foundation.

**2013 January – 2014 May -** Researcher at “ECIP” foundation. The goal of RAINBOW HAS project is to analyze and improve the level of enjoyment of the right to sexual diversity among youth in the educational context.

**2011 September – 2014 January -** Coordinator of “Policy Zone” and “Policy Zone2” projects. The project aims to create proper circumstances for optimization of the Bulgarian drug policy from criminalization towards evidence-based and humane approaches. Funded by Open Society Institute - Budapest.

**2009 March – 2011 April –** Consultant and assistant manager at the Helpline of National Centre for Addictions, revealed under project NoBG0011 entitled "Listen to the child – Improvement of the prevention and access to services to children and adolescents experimenting with and using drugs" funded under the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area.

**2007 September – 2010 February -** Sales Director, Theatre 199. Chief responsible for products and services sales. Active participation in the implementation of sales, participation and implementation of

marketing strategy, training of employees in "Sales" control their operations, reporting to management, participating in recruitment interviews for various positions in the theatre.

**2004 April – 2007 September** - Drop-in center manager at "Initiative for health" foundation, social worker, master trainer. Responsible for the recruitment and training of "gatekeepers" - representatives of the target groups, who participate in peer-driven interventions.

#### *Activism*

**2011 March - present** - Co-founder and Board Member, Sofia Pride Foundation. Coordinating relations between Sofia Pride Foundation, Bulgarian Helsinki Committee and the Ombudsman of Republic of Bulgaria, providing possibilities to change Family code (recognition same rights for LGBT community like for heterosexual community) and Penal Code (recognition and criminalization of hate crimes against LGBT people)

**2009 April -2011 August** - LGBT activist - Organizing an annual LGBT Pride in Sofia and traditional LGBT art fest. In 2011 I was a coordinator of Sofia Pride. Supporting all activities included in the context of the event – LGBT exhibition in front of the Bulgarian Court in cooperation with Wwp Project: Fundraising-preparing tree approved projects; co-organizer of a fundraising event supported by Belgium, Finland and Great Britain Councils.

**2007 September – 2009 November** – volunteer at "Initiative for Health" foundation

**2004 September – 2005 December** - external expert for "Hope-Sofia", the first drug-users organization in Bulgaria.

**1997-2004** - Community volunteer at "Initiative for Health" foundation

#### *Qualification*

**2012 May** - Video Advocacy Training organized by Hungarian Civil Liberties Union

**2011 July** - Summer course "Drug policy and human rights", Central European University

**2011 January** - Motivational interviewing, Bulgarian Institute for Addictions

**2002 – 2004** - Post Graduate Certificate, Psychodrama, Bulgarian Psychodrama Association

**2005-2006** - Self experience, Cognitive Behavior Therapy, Bulgarian Cognitive Behavior Therapy Association

#### *Education*

**2012-2017** - BA, Department Psychology, New Bulgarian University

**1992-1994** – Specialist, "Business College of Foreign Trade", Department to the Ministry of Commerce, Bulgaria

#### *Publications:*

*February 11, 2013* - "Bulgaria after US marijuana legalization."

*October 10, 2011*- Co-author, "Social and Health Risks, Related to Prostitution and Public Health" (legal report), "Risk Monitor" NGO

*March 01, 2010* - Co-author of the report "Bulgarian Drug War Facts", "European Drug Policy Initiative Network".

#### *Language skills:*

Bulgarian – mother tongue

English - fluent

Russian – intermediate

#### *Computer Skills*

MS Office, Linux, Open Office, Internet, Adobe Premiere Pro, and SPSS.

#### *Additional Information*

Driving license