

# EUROPEAN CURRICULUM VITAE FORMAT



## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates (from – to)</li> </ul>	2011 -
	Centre for Educational Integration of Children and Students from Minorities
	Writing and Implementing of Educational Projects
	Director
	Management of the Centre for Educational Integration of Children and Students from Minorities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates (from – to)</li> </ul>	2006 -
	Centre for Educational Integration of Children and Students from Minorities
	Writing and Implementing of Educational Projects
	Expert
	Monitoring and Evaluation of Educational projects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates (from – to)</li> </ul>	2002 - 2006
	Ministry of Education and Science
	Managing the process of learning the Romani mother tongue
	Expert of Romani mother tongue
	Managing teacher's activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates (from – to)</li> </ul>	1999 - 2002
	Foundation KXAM
	NGO sector
	Chairman
	Managing educational projects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates (from – to)</li> </ul>	1993 - 1999
	Director of "Ivan Vasov" school
	Education
	Deputy director
	Managing teachers' activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates (from – to)</li> </ul>	1993 – 1981
	For more information go to
	<a href="http://www.cedefop.eu.int/transparency/">www.cedefop.eu.int/transparency/</a>
	<a href="http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/index_en.html">europa.eu.int/comm/education/index_en.html</a>
	<a href="http://eurescv-search.com/">eurescv-search.com/</a>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name and address of employer           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Type of business or sector</li> <li>• Occupation or position held</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Main activities and responsibilities</li> </ul>	<p>Ogniy Mihalkov – director of primary school</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Teacher</p> <p>Teaching children</p>
<b>EDUCATION AND TRAINING</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates (from – to)           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name and type of organization providing education and training</li> <li>• Principal subjects/occupational skills covered</li> <li>• Title of qualification awarded</li> <li>• Level in national classification (if appropriate)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>01.01.2009 – at present</p> <p>Bulgarian Academy of Sciences PhD <i>Balkan Ethnology</i></p> <p>PhD student in Ethnology</p> <p>PhD to be awarded for thesis Roma Customs and Rituals in Central and Western Bulgaria</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates (from – to)           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name and type of organization providing education and training</li> <li>• Principal subjects/occupational skills covered</li> <li>• Title of qualification awarded</li> <li>• Level in national classification (if appropriate)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>17-19 May 2006 2006 – 3 days <b>PCM</b> training program in Brussels, organized by Euronet Consulting. IBF</p> <p>PCM Training Course IBF International Consulting Project Opportunities</p> <p>Programming, Identification, Appraisal, Financing, Implementation and Evaluation of Project proposals</p> <p><i>Knowledge in the cycle project - Improving the Quality of a Financing Proposal / Feasibility Study</i></p> <p>International Certificate</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates (from – to)           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name and type of organization providing education and training</li> <li>• Principal subjects/occupational skills covered</li> <li>• Title of qualification awarded</li> <li>• Level in national classification (if appropriate)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>2000 - 2001 Specialization in Delhi University – The roots of Roma/Gypsy</p> <p>Delhi University – The roots of Roma/Gypsy</p> <p>The History and Culture of Roma/Gypsy in Europe</p> <p>Diploma</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates (from – to)           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name and type of organization providing education and training</li> <li>• Principal subjects/occupational skills covered</li> <li>• Title of qualification awarded</li> <li>• Level in national classification (if appropriate)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>January 1999 – June 1999 Specialization in Budapest – Central European Institute Roma Participation Program, Budapest, Hungary</p> <p>Presentation of Roma History and Culture; Transition of Roma people from India to Europe; Structure of Roma Ethnic Group and Working with Roma people in Europe.</p> <p>Obtained certificate for <b>Specialist of Intercultural Education</b></p> <p>International Certificate</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates (from – to)           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Name and type of organization providing education and training</li> <li>• Principal subjects/occupational skills covered</li> <li>• Title of qualification awarded</li> <li>• Level in national classification (if appropriate)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>January 1997 – March 1997 Specialization in Holland University of Amsterdam</p> <p>MP “Intercultural dialogue” at Sofia University, department of Philosophy – Transfer students MA PROGRAM “Intercultural Education”</p> <p>Working with children from different ethnic background – received knowledge of working in mixed class. Using new methods in the learning process with children from different ethnical background. Exchange of experience in the work at schools with Roma children and Roma parents.</p> <p>Obtained certificate for <b>Specialist on working with children of different ethnical background</b>.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates (from – to)</li> <li>• Name and type of organization providing education and training</li> <li>• Principal subjects/occupational skills covered</li> <li>• Title of qualification awarded</li> <li>• Level in national classification (if appropriate)</li> </ul>	<p>1979 - 1981 Pedagogical Institute of Dupnica</p> <p>Teacher in Russian and Music</p> <p>Teacher in primary school Diploma</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates (from – to)</li> <li>• Name and type of organization providing education and training</li> <li>• Principal subjects/occupational skills covered</li> <li>• Title of qualification awarded</li> <li>• Level in national classification (if appropriate)</li> </ul>	<p>1992 International Training- Helsinki Center of Educational Department, Helsinki, Finland</p> <p>Receiving knowledge of new methods in the work with Roma children in Europe and sharing experience with teachers from all over Europe.</p> <p>Education of Roma Children in Europe</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dates (from – to)</li> <li>• Name and type of organization providing education and training</li> <li>• Principal subjects/occupational skills covered</li> <li>• Title of qualification awarded</li> <li>• Level in national classification (if appropriate)</li> </ul>	<p>1996 International Training – Budapest Central European Institute – Educational Program</p> <p>Presenting new interactive educational methods</p> <p>Obtained certificate for <b>Specialist on working with Roma children from Europe.</b></p>

## PERSONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

Acquired in the course of life and career but not necessarily covered by formal certificates and diplomas.

### MOTHER TONGUE

#### [ ROMANY/GYPSY ]

### OTHER LANGUAGES

#### [ BULGARIAN ]

- [ Indicate level: excellent, good, basic ]
- [ Indicate level: excellent, good, basic ]
- [ Indicate level: excellent, good, basic ]

#### [ MACEDONIAN ]

- [ Indicate level: excellent, good, basic ]
- [ Indicate level: excellent, good, basic ]
- [ Indicate level: excellent, good, basic ]

#### [ SERBIAN ]

- [ Indicate level: excellent, good, basic ]
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#### [ ENGLISH ]

- [ Indicate level: excellent, good, basic ]
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### SOCIAL SKILLS

### AND COMPETENCES

Living and working with other people, in multicultural environments, in positions where communication is important and situations where teamwork is essential (for example culture and sports), etc.

[Describe these competences and indicate where they were acquired.]

The district where I used to live as a child is situated in a multicultural environment – Bulgarians, Jewish, Roma/Gypsy and Macedonian.

### ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS

### AND COMPETENCES

Coordination and administration of people, projects and budgets; at work, in voluntary work (for example culture and sports) and at home, etc.

[Describe these competences and indicate where they were acquired.]

10 June 1999 – Organizer of International Roma Women Conference in Budapest, Hungary.

8 April, 2000 – Organizer of International Conference “The roots of Roma” in Delhi, India

### TECHNICAL SKILLS

### AND COMPETENCES

With computers, specific kinds of equipment, machinery, etc.

[Describe these competences and indicate where they were acquired.]

Computer skills: Word Perfect, Windows, Excel, Internet

### ARTISTIC SKILLS

### AND COMPETENCES

Music, writing, design, etc.

[Describe these competences and indicate where they were acquired.]

#### Publications:

2008 – author of the book "Romane armania em paramisies"

2004 – author of the book “*The life of Shakir Pashov*”  
2000 - author of the book “*Rom knows the way*” published in Bulgarian, English and Romani  
1997 – Kovatcheva, Todorov. *Coping Together*. In: *International Education, Studies and Exercises*. Sofia: Minerva  
1997 - Kovatcheva, Todorov. *The Wisdom of People* – In: *International Education, Studies and Exercises*, Sofia: Minerva  
1996 – Kovatcheva, Kuchukov, Nunev. *Texts for Dictation and Reproduction in Romany*. Teachers’ Book. Sofia: Ministry of Education and Science  
1996 – Kovatcheva. *Learning the Official Language by the Romany Children*. Azbuki  
1995 - Kovatcheva, Participated in the preparation of *Studii Romani*, Vol. 2, Sofia: Club’ 90 Publishers  
1995 - Kovatcheva. *Education in Mixed Classes*, - In: *Intercultural Education*  
1995 - Kovatcheva. *The Education of Romany Children in Their Mother Tongue*, Uchitelsko delo  
1994 - Kovatcheva. *Songs*.- In: *Studii Romani*, Vol. 1, Sofia: Club’ 90 Publishers

#### OTHER SKILLS

#### AND COMPETENCES

*Competences not mentioned above.*

[Describe these competences and indicate where they were acquired.]

#### Translation from Bulgarian to Romany:

1. Edition of monthly magazine “Focus” ordered by Human Rights Project
2. Anthology on Roma poetry edited by Georgy Parushev
3. Editing of “We – They” edited by Access

#### Translation from English to Romany:

1. Rom knows the way
2. Fairy tales

DRIVING LICENCE(S) Yes

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

[Include here any other information that may be relevant, for example contact persons, references, etc.]

### NGO Activities

2003 – Trainer of the project “Romany women can do it”, supported by Stability Pact Gender Task Force and Norwegian Government.

2002 – Manager of the project “ Educational, social and job status of Romany Women in Bulgaria

2001 – Organizer of the International Conference “Come back to the roots” held in Delhi, India

1996 - Expert on Educational Programs in IMRI – NGO

1996 – Coordinator of the training “Intercultural Education”, Sofia, Bulgaria

1996 – Member of the Women Movement and the Confederation of Roma, Bulgaria

1994 – Volunteer at NGO “Romani baht”, Sofia, Bulgaria

1993 - Volunteer at Human Rights Project, Sofia, Bulgaria

### Participation in International Conferences related to Roma in Europe

1994 - Participation in International Conference of Romany Women Activists and Education of Romany Children, Helsinki, Finland

1995 - Participation in International Conference of Romany Women Activists, Strasbourg, France

1997 - Participation in International Conference of Romany Women Activists and Education of Romany Children, Helsinki, Finland

1998 - Participation in International Conference of Romany Women Activists, Budapest, Hungary

1999 - Participation in International Conference of Romany Women Activists and Education of Romany Children, Vienna, Austria

1999 - Participation in International Conference of Romany Women in New York, America

2000 - Participation in International Conference of Romany Women Activists, Ohrid, Macedonia

2001 - Participation in International Conference of Romany Women Activists and Education of Romany Children, Bucharest, Romania

2004 - Participation in International Conference of Romany People in Europe, Budapest, Hungary

2005 - Participation in International Meting on Roma Decade, Bratislava, Slovakia

2006 - Participation in International Conference of Romany Women in Seattle America

2007 - Participation in International Conference of Romany Women in San Francisco America

- University degree in the field of pedagogical science
- Over 15 years of professional experience in the area of pedagogical and social science, of which the last 5 years experience at national level
- Former specialist on Roma issues at the National Council on Ethnic and Demographic Issues within the Council of Ministers responsible for projects related to the education of Roma children
- Specific experience in the area of policy development in the education sector. One of the authors of the governmental Program on the section Education "Framework Program for Integration of Roma into Bulgarian society"
- Specific experience in the area of sector wide approaches including educational integration of disadvantaged ethnic minorities. Realization and observation of the Implementing of the Educational strategy "Educational Integration of the children and students with different ethnical background in Bulgaria"
- Knowledge of Education practices and policies targeting the integration of disadvantaged ethnic minorities, especially Roma. Consultant of the project "Desegregation of Roma schools", implementing by Foundation "Romany Baht", financed by RPP at Open Society Institute – Budapest, Hungary
- Specific expertise on international projects in the area of educational integration of disadvantaged ethnic minorities. Consultant on the international project "PRIMER", Implemented by "Euro-dialogue", London, UK. Motivation of the Roma parents to support the education of their children. Using the traditional culture of Roma in the school. Changing in the curriculum and the text books.