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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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WORK EXPERIENCE

- Dates (from – to) 2011 -  
• Name and address of employer Centre for Educational Integration of Children and Students from Minorities  
• Type of business or sector Writing and Implementing of Educational Projects  
• Occupation or position held Director  
• Main activities and responsibilities Management of the Centre for Educational Integration of Children and Students from Minorities
- Dates (from – to) 2006 -  
• Name and address of employer Centre for Educational Integration of Children and Students from Minorities  
• Type of business or sector Writing and Implementing of Educational Projects  
• Occupation or position held Expert  
• Main activities and responsibilities Monitoring and Evaluation of Educational projects
- Dates (from – to) 2002 - 2006  
• Name and address of employer Ministry of Education and Science  
• Type of business or sector Managing the process of learning the Romani mother tongue  
• Occupation or position held Expert of Romani mother tongue  
• Main activities and responsibilities Managing teacher's activities
- Dates (from – to) 1999 - 2002  
• Name and address of employer Foundation KXAM  
• Type of business or sector NGO sector  
• Occupation or position held Chairman  
• Main activities and responsibilities Managing educational projects
- Dates (from – to) 1993 - 1999  
• Name and address of employer Director of "Ivan Vasov" school  
• Type of business or sector Education  
• Occupation or position held Deputy director  
• Main activities and responsibilities Managing teachers' activities
- Dates (from – to) 1993 – 1981

- Name and address of employer
  - Type of business or sector
  - Occupation or position held
- Main activities and responsibilities

Ogniyn Mihalkov – director of primary school  
 Education  
 Teacher  
 Teaching children

### EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Dates (from – to)
  - Name and type of organization providing education and training
  - Principal subjects/occupational skills covered
    - Title of qualification awarded
    - Level in national classification (if appropriate)
  
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01.01.2009 – at present  
 Bulgarian Academy of Sciences PhD *Balkan Ethnology*

PhD student in Ethnology  
 PhD to be awarded for thesis Roma Customs and Rituals in Central and Western Bulgaria

17-19 May 2006 2006 – 3 days *PCM* training program in Brussels, organized by Euronet Consulting. IBF  
 PCM Training Course IBF International Consulting Project Opportunities  
 Programming, Identification, Appraisal, Financing, Implementation and Evaluation of Project proposals  
*Knowledge in the cycle project* - Improving the Quality of a Financing Proposal / Feasibility Study  
 International Certificate

2000 - 2001 Specialization in Delhi University – The roots of Roma/Gypsy  
 Delhi University – The roots of Roma/Gypsy  
 The History and Culture of Roma/Gypsy in Europe

Diploma

January 1999 – June 1999 Specialization in Budapest – Central European Institute  
 Roma Participation Program, Budapest, Hungary  
 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.  
 Obtained certificate for **Specialist of Intercultural Education**  
 International Certificate

January 1997 – March 1997 Specialization in Holland University of Amsterdam  
 MP “Intercultural dialogue” at Sofia University, department of Philosophy – Transfer students MA PROGRAM “Intercultural Education”  
 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.  
 Obtained certificate for **Specialist on working with children of different ethnical background.**

- Dates (from – to) 1989 – 1992
- Name and type of organization providing education and training The South West University of Blagoevgrad
- Principal subjects/occupational skills covered
  - Title of qualification awarded Primary School Pedagogy
  - Level in national classification M.A. Diploma
  
- Dates (from – to) 1979 - 1981
- Name and type of organization providing education and training Pedagogical Institute of Dupnica
- Principal subjects/occupational skills covered Teacher in Russian and Music
  - Title of qualification awarded Teacher in primary school
  - Level in national classification Diploma
  
- Dates (from – to) 1992 International Training– Helsinki
- Name and type of organization providing education and training Center of Educational Department, Helsinki, Finland
- Principal subjects/occupational skills covered Receiving knowledge of new methods in the work with Roma children in Europe and sharing experience with teachers from all over Europe.
  - Title of qualification awarded Education of Roma Children in Europe
  - Level in national classification
  
- Dates (from – to) 1996 International Training – Budapest
- Name and type of organization providing education and training Central European Institute – Educational Program
- Principal subjects/occupational skills covered Presenting new interactive educational methods
  - Title of qualification awarded Obtained certificate for **Specialist on working with Roma children from Europe.**
  - Level in national classification

## 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 ]

- Reading skills [ Indicate level: excellent, good, basic ]
- Writing skills [ Indicate level: excellent, good, basic ]
- Verbal skills [ Indicate level: excellent, good, basic ]

#### [ MACEDONIAN ]

- Reading skills [ Indicate level: excellent, good, basic ]
- Writing skills [ Indicate level: excellent, good, basic ]
- Verbal skills [ Indicate level: excellent, good, basic ]

#### [ SERBIAN ]

- Reading skills [ Indicate level: excellent, good, basic ]
- Writing skills [ Indicate level: excellent, good, basic ]
- Verbal skills [ Indicate level: excellent, good, basic ]

#### [ ENGLISH ]

- Reading skills [ Indicate level: excellent, good, basic ]
- Writing skills [ Indicate level: excellent, good, basic ]
- Verbal skills [ Indicate level: excellent, good, basic ]

## 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 Meeting 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

## ANNEXES

[List any attached annexes.]

- 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.