

Moving Europe towards a  
sustainable and safe railway  
system without frontiers.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## POSITION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION AGENCY FOR RAILWAYS

### Management Board Member

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

February 25, 2025 - currently

### Executive Director

Railway Administration Executive Agency  
Ministry for Transport and Communications

The Railway Administration Executive Agency is responsible for coordinating and supervising railway transport as the Regulatory body and National Safety Authority. RAEA also serves as the control body for the enforcement of Regulation (EU) 2021/782 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2021 on rail passengers' rights and obligations in accordance with Articles 6 and 7 of the Railway Transport Act.

May 02, 2019 – February 25, 2025

### Director

Regulatory Directorate  
Railway Administration Executive Agency  
Ministry for Transport and Communications

Managing, planning, organizing, supervising, and coordinating the Regulatory Directorate.

Assisting the Executive Director in regulatory functions, as Regulatory Directorate performs functions as the Regulatory Body in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2021/782 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2021 on rail passengers' rights and obligations.

Monitoring railway undertakings, infrastructure managers, and service facility operators.

Engaging in international rail transport activities (IRG-Rail, ERA, OSJD, bilateral agreements) and managing railway infrastructure.

October 15, 2013 – August 01, 2018 **Director of Safety and Quality Management Directorate**  
State enterprise “Transport Construction and Reconstruction”,  
General Administration

Planning, organising, leading, controlling, and reporting activities.  
Safety, quality, and certification management: overseeing construction laboratories, transport safety, train operations, and technical supervision of hazardous equipment.  
Responsible for occupational health and safety, licensing, and certification (Carrier's License, ECM Certificate, Safety Certificates Parts A & B).  
Managing ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, OHSAS 18001:2007, ISO 27001:2013, and SA 8000:2008 compliance.  
Certified auditor for ISO 9001, ISO 14001, and OHSAS 18001.  
Chairman of the Risk Assessment Committee and Vice Chair of the Working Conditions Committee.

August 01, 2012 – October 15, 2013 **Security Specialist**  
SOD "Sigma" EOOD, gr. Sofia  
Providing security - physical and information.

January 2010 – August 2012 **Chief Social Security Expert**  
Department of Prevention, Rehabilitation and Expertise  
General Directorate of Social Security and Short-Term Payments  
National Social Security Institute

Regulatory framework and oversight in social security: Contributing to the development of regulations for prevention and rehabilitation activities funded by the Social Security Institution.  
Evaluating and enforcing legal provisions related to the department's functions.  
Organizing and conducting annual competitions for selecting rehabilitation facilities, drafting and overseeing contracts, and ensuring compliance.  
Providing methodological guidance and supervision for Social Insurance Institution activities.  
Preparing reports, conducting audits, and managing medical expertise oversight.  
Developing and maintaining a national database for the PR program and analyzing its outcomes.  
Handling proposals, complaints, and requests related to benefits and medical expertise.  
Advising individuals and businesses and participating in working groups and national meetings.

February 2000 – August 2012 **Head of the Pharmacy Control Sector in the Medical and Financial Documentation Control Department, Until 04.2007;**  
Chief Expert "Pharmacy Control", Preliminary Control Sector, from 04.2007  
Regional Health Insurance Fund – Veliko Tarnovo

Pharmaceutical and financial oversight in healthcare: Verification and control of medical and financial documentation.

Preparing requests for NHIF reimbursement, analyzing drug costs for acute and chronic conditions, and high-cost treatments.

Monitoring expenditures on medicines, medical devices, and special medical nutrition, identifying cost trends, and determining key cost drivers.

Assessing average prescription costs and healthcare provider expenses. Preparing and managing contracts and annexes.

Conducting financial control under the Financial Management and Control System, including pre-commitment and expenditure checks, and maintaining financial records for contracted pharmacies.

September 1985 – February 2000 **Teacher**  
Education and student mentorship: Teaching course material and preparing students for national competitions and Olympiads.

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## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2011-2013 **Master's degree in Strategic Leadership and Management of Security and Public Order.**  
Academy of the Ministry of Interior  
Faculty of Police

2007 - 2008 **Master's degree in Media and Advertising**  
St Cyril and St Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo

2005 – 2006 **Master's degree in Cultural Tourism. Cultural and historical heritage'**  
St Cyril and St Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo

2003 – 2004 **Health Management Manager**  
Dimitar Tsenov Academy of Economics, Svishtov

2000 - 2002 **Master's degree in Finance.**  
St Cyril and St Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo

1999 - 2001 **Master's degree in business management**

St Cyril and St Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo

1998 – 2000 **Qualification in ‘Public Administration and European Integration’**  
University of National and World Economy, Sofia

1994 – 1997 **Bachelor's degree**  
Teacher of Physics and Mathematics.  
Konstantin Preslavsky University of Shumen

1982 -1985 **Bachelor's degree**  
Teacher of Physics and Mathematics.  
Teacher of Mathematics, Physics and Art.

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#### **OTHER**

Auditor Certificate for ISO 19011:2011, OHSAS 18001:2007, ISO 27001:2013

Auditor Certificate 2016/000201 for ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015

Certificates of acquired knowledge and skills from the Executive Environment Agency