



CIRICULUM VITAE

Name: Meglena Plugtschieva, Ph.D. Msc.Eng
Date of birth: 12.02.1956
Place of birth: Balchik, Bulgaria
Family status: Married since 1978, two children. Spouse – Dr. Plamen Alexandrov, associate professor at the University of Forestry, city of Sofia

Education and specializations

1974 Graduated the German Language School, city of Varna
1974-1979 Graduate student at the University of Forestry, city of Sofia – majors: Forestry and Ecology
1989 Doctoral thesis on Forests' Ecology, awarded PhD on Ecology of Forests, University of Forestry, Sofia
1991 Specialization at the Institute of Forestry in Goettingen, as fellow of the “Karl Duisberg Society”
1994 and 1997 Specialization at “Albert Ludwig” University of Freiburg, as fellow of the Conference of the German Academies of Sciences

Professional development

1981 – 1984 Inspector at the Regional Inspectorate for Environmental Protection in charge for the region of North-East Bulgaria
1984 - 1990 Deputy director of the Regional Forestry Directorate in the city of Varna
1990 - 1995 Head of the “Foreign Countries Relations” Department at the Committee of Forestry - Council of Ministers
1995-1997 -Member of the Parliament, sitting also on the Committees on Foreign Policy, Agriculture and Forestry and Environment Protection, Member of the Delegation to the Council of Europe
1999 - 2001 Forestry Consultant – Office of the German Organization GTZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Technische Zusammenarbeit) in Sofia,

Bulgaria – 1999 - 2001

- 1997 -2001
Representative of the Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs, Transport, Agriculture and Viticulture of the state Rheinland-Pfalz, Republic of Germany in Bulgaria
Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forestry with two different fields of responsibility, namely 1) **European Union Affairs and Integration** and 2) **Forestry and Timber Industry**.
- 2001-2004
Special appointment to carry the accession negotiations with EC under chapter Agriculture;
in charge of SAPARD and Phare Programmes in agricultural sector;
Initiated, signed and managed on behalf of Bulgaria the Forest Development Project with the World Bank (2002-2004);
- as of 16 November 2004-May 2008
Ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the Republic of Bulgaria in the Federal Republic of Germany
- May 2008-July 2009
Deputy Prime Minister with overall responsibility of coordination, control and implementation of the EU Funds in Bulgaria including the pre-accession instruments;
Central contact point of the Bulgarian government for the EU Commission;
- July 2009- till today
Member of 41st National Assembly, Parliamentary Group of Coalition for Bulgaria; Deputy Chairperson of European Affairs and European Funds Control Committee

Additional Information

Awarded the Federal Order of Merit of the Republic of Germany - I-st class September 2004

Awarded the Great Cross of Merit with Star of the Federal Republic of Germany – June 2008

Awarded the Golden Batch of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for special contribution to EU Accession;

Awarded the Golden Batch of Ministry of Interior for special contribution to EU Accession;

Awarded the Golden Batch of Ministry of Agriculture and

Forestry of the Republic of Bulgaria for special contribution to EU
Accession;

Member of the MB of the Bulgarian-German forum – 1996 –
2009

Language proficiency:

German – proficiency

English – very good knowledge

Russian- very good knowledge