

## **PETYA ANGELOVA PARVANOVA**

Petya Parvanova was born in Sofia. She graduated from the German Language High School, then studied German Philology at Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski” and obtained a Law Degree from New Bulgarian University.

Until 1999, she worked as an assistant, translator and protocol officer in various companies and state institutions.

In the period 1999 – 2001, she worked as Head of International Relations and Protocol in the administration of the Prosecutor General.

In the period 2001 – 2013, Ms. Parvanova was Director of the International Cooperation Directorate, Ministry of the Interior, where she coordinated, organized and participated in the preparation and implementation of the criteria for membership in the European Union in the field of home affairs, migration and asylum. After the accession of Bulgaria into the EU, she was responsible for the coordination of the implementation of the commitments stemming from the membership. From 2002 to 2007, she was Head of Working Party 24 “Justice and Home Affairs”. From the accession of Bulgaria into the EU until 2013, she managed and controlled the activities of Working Party 23 “Cooperation in the field of Home Affairs” within the Council of EU Affairs with the Council of Ministers.

In the period March – May 2013, Ms. Parvanova was Minister of the Interior in the interim government of Prime Minister Marin Raykov, which was appointed by the President of the Republic of Bulgaria Mr. Plevneliev.

From September 2013 to March 2016, she was Head of the administration of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

In the periods November 2014 – March 2015 and March 2015 – March 2016, Ms. Parvanova was a counselor to Deputy Prime Ministers Ms. Meglena Kuneva and Ms. Romyana Bachvarova in the field of home affairs, migration and asylum.

For the duration of her service at the Ministry of the Interior, she was awarded many times for high performance service and professionalism with medals and honors – “for valor and merit”, first degree in 2007. On 01.07.2010 she was awarded with category A – senior commissioner.

Ms. Parvanova has professional specializations in “Management of the systems for criminal information in accordance with the EU standards”, Academy of the Ministry of the Interior, 2002; “Management of human resources, recruitment and performance management”, Dublin, 2012; and a three-month internship at the European Commission – the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) in 2005.

Ms. Parvanova is fluent in German and English and has a working knowledge of Russian.