

MEGLENA KUNEVA

Born in Sofia on 22 June 1957

Academic background

- **August 1999 – March 2000** - Georgetown University, Washington DC, US, Post-graduate Programme in Law School.
- **October 1996** - Environmental Liability, the Hague, the Netherlands.
- **September 1996** - Oxford Center, London, UK, Seminar on International Environmental Law.
- **January – June 1995** - Georgetown University, Washington DC, US, Post-graduate Programme in Foreign School PEW Economic Programme.
- **September 1993** - Institute of Human Rights, Turku, Finland, Seminar of Human Rights.
- **1981 – 1984** - Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Sofia, Bulgaria, Ph.D. - Environmental Law.
- **1975 – 1981** - Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Sofia, Bulgaria, M.A. in Law.

Professional career

- **1990 – 2001** - Senior Legal Advisor, Council of Ministers

Selected Accomplishments: Environment Act; Water Act; Right of Information Act; Restitution of Land Act; Cadastre and Land Consolidation Act; Cooperation Act; Waste Management Act; Protected Areas, Forest and Restitution of Forests Act; Agreement with the Council of Europe for Reconstruction of Polluted Lands.

- **1992 – 1998** - Legal Consultant

Selected Projects: Establishment of a Waste Dept – Cowi Project; Biodiversity Strategy – GEF Programme; PHARE Waste Management Project; Access to Information Programme; Conservation of Protected Areas – GEF Programme

- **1994 – 1995** - Member of Supervisory Board, Privatization Agency;
- **1995** - Member of the Bulgarian Delegation, United Nations – Fourth Session of the Commission for Sustainable Development;
- **1992 – 1994** - Professor, Bourgas Free University
- **1987 – 1989** - Assistant Professor, Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"
- **1987 – 1990** - Editor and Radio Anchor, Bulgarian National Radio

Membership in Professional and other Bodies

- Member of the Board of Trustees of the Berlin Conference "A soul for Europe"
- Member of the Atlantic Club
- Member of the Union of Bulgarian Jurists
- Member of the International Council of UN of Environmental Law
- Member of the Access to Information Programme Foundation

- Member of the Advisory Board and Steering Committee of the TIME Eco-projects Foundation

Political career

- **January 2007** – Member of the European Commission for Consumer Protection
- **August 2005 - 2006** – Minister for European Affairs;
- **June 2005** – Elected Member of Parliament – (40-th National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria);
- **May 2002 – 2005** – Minister for European Affairs and Chief Negotiator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
- **2002 – 2003** – Special Representative of the Republic of Bulgaria, Convention on the Future of the European Union;
- **2001 – 2002** – Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Chief Negotiator;
- **June 2001** – Elected Member of Parliament - (39-th National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria);
- Founding Member and Member of the Political Council of the National Movement Simeon II;