



Europass Curriculum Vitae



Personal information

First name(s) / Surname(s) **Krasimir Simonski, Ph.D.**

Work experience

33 years

Dates *2013 till now*

Position in the ENISA
Management Board

Member – representative of Bulgaria

Dates *January 2017 – now*

Occupation or position held

Deputy Chair

Main activities and responsibilities

- Overall responsibility for the development and operations of the shared information resources of the eGovernment in Bulgaria including
 - State Hybrid Private eGovernment Cloud
 - State Administration Network
 - National Cybersecurity ecosystem, in particular the policy and legislation as well as the functioning of the National Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT);
- Development of national strategic documents and priorities in the area of computer networks, cybersecurity, cloud computing, electronic government;
- Development and implementation of the largest ICT national project for Next Generation Broadband Access;
- Managing a team of 400+ employees;
- Supervision and strategic development of the National Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT);
- Integration of the state administration network with the national security infrastructure.
- Overall responsibilities for the Cybersecurity during the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union from January to July 2018, including:
 - Chairing the Horizontal Working Party on Cyber Issues in the Council of the European Union – Jan – July 2018;
 - Chairing the EU Cybersecurity Cooperation Group as per the Directive on Network and Information Security during the BG Presidency
 - Chairing the European Network of CSIRTs (NCIRTs)
 - Chairing the NAPAC Committee of the European Cybersecurity Organization (ECSO)
- Supervision and development of a network of communication facilities for national security

Name and address of employer	State Agency “Electronic Government” 6 Gurko St., Sofia 1000
Type of business or sector	The Agency has overall responsibility for the e-Government national ecosystem – development, management and coordination of key projects, system and data interoperability, network and information security, shared infrastructure and information resources, and legal environment.
Dates	<i>January 2013 – January 2017</i>
Occupation or position held	Managing Director
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall responsibility for the development and operations of the Agency • Development of national strategic documents and priorities in the area of computer networks, cybersecurity, cloud computing, electronic government; • Integration of the state telecommunication infrastructures; • Development and implementation of strategic national projects in electronic government and broadband access; • Management and development of the critical national telecommunications infrastructure • Manage a team of 536 staff members; • Establishment and management of the national Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT) • Leadership in meeting the EU demands defined in the EU Directives in ITC including INSPIRE • Operation management of the Bulgarian Supercomputer Center • Operation of the National eGovernment Data Center
Name and address of employer	Executive Agency “Electronic Communication Networks and Information Systems” 6 Gurko St., Sofia 1000
Type of business or sector	The Agency develops, maintains, operates and manages the Common Electronic Communications Network of the State Administration and National Security. The Agency develops and manages Data Centers, Management Information Systems, built in implementation of ITC Projects.
Dates	<i>01.04.2012 – till now</i>
Occupation or position held	Project Manager
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of favorable environment for eGovernment service in rural areas by connecting the public institutions in Next Generation Access broadband networks; • Development of NGA service market; • Foster favorable environment for Internet Service Providers in rural areas to provide NGA services • Develop competitiveness of the local economy; • Development of trust in Internet services by introducing the international standards in Cybersecurity;
Name and address of employer	Executive Agency ECNIS OPRR Project: Development of open NGA infrastructure in rural areas of Bulgaria 6 Gurko St., Sofia 1000
Type of business or sector	Next Generation Access telecommunication infrastructure
Dates	<i>01.04.2011 – till now</i>
Occupation or position held	CTO

Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage the technology processes of the company • Develop technology potential and resources • Manage the technical and design teams; • Develop multimedia educational content and methodology; • Support creative integration of educational content with multimedia technologies; • Coordinate with the content authors • Monitor for keeping the deadlines and implementation processes;
Name and address of employer	„Prosveta Libri” Ltd, 2 Zemedelska St., Ovcha Kupel, Sofia 1618
Type of business or sector	Development of innovative software products, interactive educational resources, video and audio educational programs and textbooks
Dates	<i>May 2010 – now</i>
Occupation or position held	Chair
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall responsibility for the development and functioning of the academic Internet connectivity for Bulgarian universities, research institutions and schools. • Introduction of latest Internet technologies to education including IPv6, DWDM, dark-fiber, and etc. • Represent the academic network to the European projects and institutions including GEANT, DANTE, TERENA and others.
Name and address of employer	Bulgarian Research and Education Network 6 Gurko St, Sofia 1113
Type of business or sector	Research and education networking
Dates	<i>November 2011 - now</i>
Occupation or position held	Chair
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • responsibility for the management of the association; • chairing the meeting of the Management Committee and General Assembly; • Administration of the assets of the organization; • representing CEENet to other parties.
Name and address of employer	CEENet – Central and Eastern European Networking Association
Type of business or sector	Research and education networking
Dates	<i>May 2011 – now</i>
Occupation or position held	Lead Analyst
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct a comprehensive study on the UK online travel market – 2016 actuals and forecast to 2020; • Conduct a comprehensive study on the Russian and key Eastern European travel marketplaces, with a focus on online distribution and marketing • Deliver an in-depth understanding of Russia/Ukraine and Poland online travel markets with an overview of Bulgaria, Romania, Czech Republic, Hungary, Greece and the Baltic Region (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania) • Size the market and provide forecasts for the region and main markets (2010-2013): airline, hotel, car rental, package/tour, rail • Evaluate online strategies: suppliers, tour operators, and online and offline intermediaries • Assess travel planning and marketing: referral sites, metasearch, social media, travel guides, user-generated reviews • Review enabling technologies, innovative companies and start-ups
Name and address of employer	PhoCusWright 1133 Broadway , Suite 1025 New York, NY 10010 United States
Type of business or sector	Travel Industry Research

Dates	<i>January 2011 – January 2013</i>
Occupation or position held	Managing Director
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizing a creative team of speakers and innovative companies for conferences and webinars on online travel trends; Overall organization and promotion of the first of its type conference in the region: "Trend&Innovations Travel Distribution Summit" – Nov. 3-5, 2010, March 15-17 2011, Sofia including "Space Travel Summit"; Executive Director of Skål International Sofia – First Skål club in Bulgaria; Organizing and moderating webinars on online travel technologies for travel companies;
Name and address of employer	eCommerceAcademy.net
Type of business or sector	Online Travel Distribution
Dates	<i>January 2010 – January 2013</i>
Occupation or position held	Head of Business Development
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognizing, developing, and spinning-off potential business lines – WebDesign, Search Engine Optimization, Social Media Optimization, Email Marketing; Business Processes Outsourcing; Chair of Board of new established companies – overall management to reach sustainability and growth; Travel Industry – Internet challenges to the industry: New business models – Home based agents; Executive Director of Skål International Sofia – First Skål club in Bulgaria; Developing EU funded projects;
Name and address of employer	TravelStoreMaker.com
Type of business or sector	Travel and Tourism Technologies
Dates	<i>December 2010 – January 2013</i>
Occupation or position held	Work-Package Activity Leader
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a database of NREN users in Central and Eastern Europe including Russia and CIS – 35 countries (Vietnam, Uganda, Afganistan too); Consult research user communities to participate in NRENs and to exploit NRENs and GEANT services Analyse the needs of users for international research networking Develop a segmentation of users according to their requirements for research networking and services
Name and address of employer	Project CEENGINE,
Type of business or sector	Research Networks
Dates	<i>November 2009 – January 2013</i>
Occupation or position held	Freelance Consultant
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telecommunications – Fiber-Optic technology projects in Macedonia and Albania; Education – Introducing Learning Centric Environment in Bulgaria; Training – Professional Courses and Certification: IT core and professional skills; Information Security – Stochastic Cryptography Nano-technology – international projects: Russia, Macedonia, Albania; European Projects – B3 Regions: Board Member; Operational Programs – Tourism, technologies, regional development
Name and address of employer	ITV-NET.mk; Inoware; Embient; Keit Security; iCentres Association,
Type of business or sector	Telecommunications, Education, Information Security, Networking
Dates	<i>September 2009 – November 2009</i>
Occupation or position held	Chair

Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall responsibility for the state security network – re-design, upgrade, policy, maintenance, management of team of 648 employees • Overall responsibility for the Network Operation Centre of Bulgarian schools; • Overall responsibility for the Bulgarian Supercomputer Centre;
Name and address of employer	The Executive Agency for ICT (a.k.a.ESMIS) to the Ministry of Transport Information Technologies and Communications , Bulgaria 6 Gurko St., Sofia 1000
Type of business or sector	ICT for the Government
Dates	<i>Sept. 2007 - 2009</i>
Occupation or position held	Deputy Chair
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement strategy and government policy on information technologies in Bulgaria including National Broadband Strategy, National IT Strategy and others. • Develop, coordinate and supervise nation-wide projects in IT including Internet Infrastructure, IT in research and education, e-Inclusion, e-Skills, IT business support. • Represent Bulgaria in High-Level Groups of the European Commission on i2010, Internet, ENISA as well as chair Bulgaria delegations in international meetings on IT development.
Name and address of employer	State Agency for Information Technologies and Communications – Council of Ministers , Bulgaria 6 Gurko St., Sofia 1000
Type of business or sector	Overall responsibility for the government policy in Information Technologies
Dates	<i>May 2007 – Dec 2008</i>
Occupation or position held	Chair
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage re-delegation and administration of “.bg” domain. • Develop policy, administer and arbitrate Internet name assignments for “.bg” TLD.
Name and address of employer	Public Internet Register , Bulgaria 6 Gurko St., Sofia 1000
Type of business or sector	Administration of Internet national top-level domain
Dates	<i>Sept. 2005 – Dec 2008</i>
Occupation or position held	Deputy Chair
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop strategy for expansion and utilization of a network of telecentres – the leading Bulgarian project in Information Society – Project of the Year for 2007, Finalist in Stockholm Challenge Award 2008. • Oversee the operations and management of the network • Develop new projects from concept to implementation including e-Skills training, e-Government, e-Business, and local content generation.
Name and address of employer	iCentres Associations 6 Gurko St., Sofia 1000
Type of business or sector	e-Inclusion, e-Business, e-Government, e-Skills
Dates	<i>Apr. 2004 – Sept. 2007</i>
Occupation or position held	Project Manager – Project Telecentres
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established and managed functioning of 110 telecentres in the country, one mobile unit; • Built and managed a professional team of 150 professionals. • Organized training for 45,000 civil servants in e-Skills in 2006 and 2007. Tested 50,000 state administration officers in anti-corruption using distance learning technologies. • Developed a modern web-based learning platform, content and methodology with more than 100,000 accounts. • Served over 1,000,000 users of telecentre services of which 5,000 trained in core computer skills. • Manage overall operational budget of over 6 mil. USD and other satellite project budgets totaling 10 mil. USD.

Name and address of employer	United Nations Development Program 25 Khan Krum St., Sofia 1000, Bulgaria
Type of business or sector	ICT Development program
Dates	<i>Dec. 2003 – Sept. 2006</i>
Occupation or position held	Chief Operations Officer
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced the Project Management practice and methodology in operations. • Introduced business metrics to assess business process effectiveness. • Restructured and optimized the organization chart and teams; • Optimized business processes. • Developed business plans and strategies for various products and services. • Managed a team of 70 employees
Name and address of employer	Travelstoremaker.com 2108-A Homedale Austin TX 78704 United States
Type of business or sector	e-Business: On-line booking of air tickets, hotels, and rent-a-car
Dates	<i>Nov. 1991 – Dec. 2003</i>
Occupation or position held	Director of Computing and Communications
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed a fully integrated university computer system serving as model to other Bulgarian and foreign universities. • Developed policies and procedures for use of IT. • Managed multiple technology teams – network, servers, user access, administrative computing, faculty computing, learning systems. • Advised the President and Board of Directors on the IT policy and projects. • Taught as Adjunct Faculty in Computer Science • Achieved IT Training program sustainability in 12 months; • Developed Regional Cisco networking Academy, Microsoft IT Academy, CIO track curriculum, multimedia language course; • Author of a unique e-Reading Fundamentals course for English; • Implemented training projects for unemployed, released military officers, and Roma leaders
Name and address of employer	American University in Bulgaria 1 George Izmirliiev Sq. Blagoevgrad 2700
Type of business or sector	University computing and communications, Computer Sciences
Dates	<i>Sept. 1984 – Sept. 1991</i>
Occupation or position held	IT Systems Developer
Main activities and responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing printed circuit boards for IBM PC – XT/AT • Developing prototypes of embedded systems based on Motorola 6800 processor using wire-wrapped turret boards • Localizing drivers for mouse devices • Developing voice-generating adapters for IBM PC • Upgrades of PBX using EDA tools (Electronic Design Automation) • Teaching Assembler Programming
Name and address of employer	Central Institute for IT Tzarigradsko Shousse 7-mi kilometer Sofia 1000 Bulgaria
Type of business or sector	Early Information Technologies
Education and training	
Dates	<i>Feb. 1988 – Nov. 1991</i>

Title of qualification awarded **Ph.D.**
 Principal subjects/occupational skills covered Computer Networks
 Thesis Title: "Adaptive Voice Protocol for LAN"
 Name and type of organisation providing education and training Coordination Center for Information Technologies and Communications
 Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

Dates *Sept. 1982 – June 1987*

Title of qualification awarded **M.Sc.**
 Principal subjects/occupational skills Computer Sciences
 Name and type of organisation providing education and training Technical University - Sofia

Business skills and competences

Program Coordination

- Developed a sustainable multi-stakeholder telecentre project ecosystem involving government, public institutions and private business.
- Designed and successfully developed and integrated university computer and campus system.
- Wrote proposals and grants to secure funding and attract investments in IT social enterprise projects of national and international scope.
- Managed up to €10 million project and operational budgets.
- Formulated, wrote and implemented different corporate policy manuals including user, new employee orientation, and company codes.
- Introduced project management and business process optimization in academic, public and private organizations.

Pioneering and Innovative Thinking

- Developing Internet programming course for Computer Science students in 1994.
- Using web technologies in class – 1994.
- Designed and managed Multimedia lab for research and development in 1995.
- Internet (since 1991) and Information Society (since 1997) Evangelist.
- Developed a course in e-Reading skills for non-English speakers - 2002.
- First implementation in the country of: Digital PBX (1993), Structured Cabling (1992), Windows 2000 Server platform (2001), Windows and Java Terminal solutions (1999), Student Integrated System (1996), Library Automation System (1997).

Management/Supervision

- Directed recruitment and retention of supervisors and staff of 150 employees.
- Wrote and implemented multilayer professional development programs.
- Implemented Management Information System including Project Management modules.
- Managed and developed over 400 volunteers into goal-oriented, cohesive network.
- Organized a procurement system and supply chains for IT operations including outsourcing and relations with suppliers.

Personal skills and competences

Mother tongue(s)

Bulgarian

Other language(s)

English
German
Russian

Understanding				Speaking				Writing	
Listening		Reading		Spoken interaction		Spoken production			
C2	Proficient User	C2	Proficient User	C2	Proficient User	C2	Proficient User	C2	Proficient User
A1	Basic User	A1	Basic User	A1	Basic User	A1	Basic User	A1	Basic User
C2	Proficient User	C2	Proficient User	B2	Independent User	B1	Independent User	B1	Independent User

Computer skills and competences

Cisco Networking Academy – CCNA and CCAI Certificates, Multiple awards for project excellence
 Microsoft MOUS Master, ECDL, and IT Card certificates
 CMMI Fundamentals
 Project Management – PMI courses – Preparation for Certification

Social skills and competences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced leader skills excelled in management of teams composed in mixed academic, political, business and technology formations; • Recognized team skills gained from multiple projects and jobs to solve complex problems; • Good communications skills to deliver different kind of messages to employees and top management; • Professional ability to adapt to multicultural and multi-business environments; • Excellent presentation skills gained through teaching computer sciences at the American University in Bulgaria and many presentations on different (mostly technology) topics.
Other skills and competences	Jogging, fitness, sporting at any opportunity, fixing home appliances
Driving licence	Category B and clean driving record – near 500,000 km
Additional information	Multiple publications in proceedings, newspapers, and magazines. Topics include information and communication technologies but also their business, social and political impact