

MANAGEMENT BOARD MEMBER

Personal information

Surname(s) **IVANOVA**

First name(s) **IRINA**

Country **BULGARIA**

Current professional position **Ministry of Labour and Social Policy**

Position on MB **Member**

Member of MB Committee(s)

Term of office on MB **1 June 2022 – 31 May 2025**

Additional information

Details of employment **Head of Unit, Equal opportunities, anti-discrimination and social assistance benefits unit, Directorate for policy for people with disabilities, equal opportunities and social assistance benefits**

Memberships **Member of the High Level Group on Gender Mainstreaming at the European Commission
Member of the Gender Equality Commission, Council of Europe**

Other affiliations **Irina Ivanova has worked on gender equality issues, antidiscrimination and demographic challenges over the past fifteen years. Being a lawyer by educational background, she previously worked in the field of protection of children's rights from 2001 till 2007. Ms Ivanova has been also a juror at the Sofia City Court in cases of violent crimes punishable by imprisonment over five years. As a head of the specialised unit on gender equality at the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy she coordinates the government gender equality policy-making, implementation, monitoring and reporting. Irina Ivanova is a Secretary of the National Council on Equality between Women and Men at the Council of Ministers, which is an advisory, coordinating, consultation and cooperation body, which brings together government institutions and non-governmental organisations. She has taken active part in the elaboration of bills regulating the social relations in the fields of gender equality and antidiscrimination, as well as in the elaboration and coordination of the implementation of strategic and operative government policies. She has worked extensively on a wide range of gender equality issues, including national institutional mechanism, women's labour market participation, work-life balance, gender pay gap, breaking down gender stereotypes, gender mainstreaming, etc. Ms Ivanova has been also involved in a number of thematic projects on gender equality and antidiscrimination.**