



PROFESSIONAL BIOGRAPHY

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- 01.11.1956** Born in Oryahovo, married, one child;
- 1974** Finished the High School of Mathematics, Vratza;
- 1979** Graduated the University of Ruse "Angel Kanchev" in *Automobiles, tractors and trucks*;
- 1979-1980** Specialized *Applied Mathematics* in the Technical University, Sofia;
- 1980** Started as an Assistant Professor at the University of Ruse;
- 2001** Defended PhD dissertation in the scientific field *Management and Organization of Automobile Transport*;
- 2002** Elected an Associate Professor;
- 1985-1988** Vice Dean of the Faculty of International students at the University of Ruse;
- 2012** Elected a professor in professional field 5.5. *Transport, navigation and aviation*, scientific field *Management and Organization of Automobile Transport*;
- 2005-2008** Head of the Department of Transport;
- 2008** Director of University Directorate on Quality of Education at the University of Ruse;
- 2012-2014** Director of multifunctional university Directorate Development, Coordination and Continuing education;
- 2010-2014** Member of the Accreditation Council of the National Agency of Evaluation and Accreditation (NAEA) with the Council of Ministers and supervisor of the Standing Committee on Technical and Military sciences;
- 2014** Member of the Standing Committee of post-accreditation monitoring and control with the National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency;
- 2014** Appointed a Vice-Rector of the University of Ruse on Development, Coordination and Continuing education;
- A member of:
 - the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Transport;
 - the Academic council of the University of Ruse;
 - The University Committee on Quality of Education- Chairperson;
 - University Committee on Risk evaluation - Chairperson;
 - Union of scientists;
 - Editorial Board of the journal „Annals of the Faculty of Engineering Hunedora”, Timisoara, Romania.
 - Fields of professional interests: Transport technologies; Optimization of transport; Transport logistics; Alternative transport; Quality of higher education.
 - Manager and team member of over 20 contracts in the field of education, research and applied science.
 - Author and co-author of over 140 articles, papers, text books and study materials
 - Scientific advisor of 7 PhD students.
 - Specializations in foreign universities
- AWARDS:**
Bearer of **Ruse Award** for overall contribution and longstanding work in the field of education and science -2012.
- 2016** Elected the Rector of University of Ruse "Angel Kanchev"

PROJECTS

- Green Alternative Postal Vehicle Project Green Post, N: EIE/07/119/SI2.466271, 12/2007 – 06/2010, (Alternative vehicles in postal services) Program Intelligent Energy Europe (EIE), 2007 – 2010. Project manager;
- Baltic to Balkan Network for Logistics Competence SCS8-GA-2009-234106, B2B LOCO, VII Frame Programme 01. 09.2009-31.08.2011. Project manager;
- Harmonized Inland Navigation Transport through education and information technology, SEE/D/ 0080/3.2/X, HINT, South East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme 2012-2014 r. (Project manager);
- Danube-INCO.NET, 2014-2016. VII Frame Programme. Project team member;
- Education for Sustainable development: Environmentally-Friendly Technologies, Materials and Socio-Economic Activities EDUCATE 12-EIP-RO PITESTI01 2012-2014. ERASMUS. Project manager;
- Support for the development of scientific staff in the field of engineering research and innovations, BG051PO001-3.3.04, Ministry of Education and Science (MES), Structural funds and international education programmes, Operative Programme *Human Resources Development*, 2009 – 2011. Project coordinator;
- A system for training and career development of lecturers at the University of Ruse “Angel Kanchev”, BG051PO001-3.1.09-0014. (MES), Structural funds and international education programmes, Operative Programme Human Resources Development, 2013 – 2014. Project manager;
- Development of electronic mode of distance learning at the University of Ruse, BG051PO001-4.3.04-0007. (MES), Structural funds and international education programmes, Operative Programme Human Resources Development, 2012 – 2014. Project team member;
- Improving the management system of the University of Ruse for ensuring transparency and efficiency, BG051PO001-3.1.08-0019. Structural funds and international education programmes, Operative Programme Human Resources Development, 2013 – 2014. Deputy project manager;
- Student practices, BG051PO001-3.3.07-0002. Structural funds and international education programmes, Operative Programme Human Resources Development, 2012 – 2014. Leading functional expert;
- Supporting the growth of scientific staff in the field of engineering and IT, BG051PO001-3.3.06-0008, 2013-2015 r. Project team member;
- Manager and participant in over 10 projects financed by the interuniversity Research Fund.

PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL AND REGIONAL COMMITTEES, COUNCILS, etc.

- initiator for establishing a Forum for Regional Agreement (FORA) between the University of Ruse and Ruse, Razgrad, Silistra and Targovishte regions;
- member and participant in the work of regional (for North Central Planning Region), regional and municipal commissions in Ruse with scope of activities in the field of Transport and regional development;
- member of the Thematic work group for developing Operative Programme „Good governance“ for the programme period 2014-2020.