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Short resume (7 lines maximum):

Gergana is MA in Organizational Psychology and certified professional coach accredited with the International Coach Federation. She got her qualification with the CTI, UK. She works with highly motivated individuals in transition who want to develop their leadership capacity and step into their full power. Gergana is also experienced in supporting businesses and NGOs in improving their overall effectiveness by implementing OD programs and soft skills training.

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Description of activities:

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Short resume (7 lines maximum):

Irina Alexieva is well known to Bulgarian public as one of the best business journalists in the country, author and host of the weekly economic broadcast of BTV "Business". Previously, Irina managed the Economic Department of Darik Radio and was the author of the "Portfolio" radio broadcast. Irina interviewed some of the most influential leaders in the global political and economic scene, among them Nobel laureates, heads of global companies and financial institutions. She is the author of several documentaries.

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Short resume (7 lines maximum):

Slaveya Hristova is a founder and Vice-chair of the Board of Balkan Assist Association – an NGO with more than 12 years experience in the field of citizens participation, direct democracy and good governance. During 1992 – 2000 she was a representative of the Swiss foundation Inter Assist that launched the Swiss Cooperation Programme for Bulgaria. Mrs Hristova is also among the founders of a network of more than 130 Bulgarian NGOs – the Citizen Participation Forum. Apart from managing projects of Balkan Assist she is also an expert and consultant of lots of municipalities and NGOs regarding citizen participation, local and regional governance.

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Position: Executive Director

Short resume (7 lines maximum):

Ms. Kostadinova joined IME in 2001 and in 2007 was elected as its second executive director. Her areas of expertise include labor market, tax policy, and government efficiency and regulation impact assessment. She published numerous articles and is a regular participant in TV and radio shows. In June 2012 Ms Kostadinova was ranked as the 29th most influential woman in Bulgaria by Capital weekly magazine. In December 2012 she was ranked as the 19th most influential woman in Bulgaria by Forbes Bulgaria magazine. Ms Kostadinova holds a Master's degree in Finance from the University of the National and World Economy in Sofia, Bulgaria.

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Short resume (7 lines maximum):

Mrs. Dimitrova holds a joint Master's degree in Urban and Environmental Management from Wageningen University, Wageningen, the Netherlands (2001) and a Bachelor degree in Applied Economics and Business Administration from the American University in Bulgaria, Blagoevgrad (1999). During the last 10 years, Mrs. Dimitrova has worked as a consultant and project manager on multiple developmental projects in Bulgaria and the Netherlands in areas like: retraining of socially disadvantaged groups and continuous education; waste management; alternative water uses, community involvement; micro and small enterprises' start-up of socially disadvantaged citizens, etc.

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Short resume (7 lines maximum):

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Short resume (7 lines maximum):

I am a sociologist, my main interests are in the field of political sociology, sociology of inequalities, nationalism studies. I am an author and co-author of a lot of books and academic texts in the field of sociology. Also I am a member of International Sociological Association, deputy head of the Bulgarian Sociological Association, I had been member and Chair of the board of the Open Society Institute – Sofia (2003 -2010).

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Description of activities:

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Position: member of the National Council



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Short resume (7 lines maximum):

Daniela Bozhinova is an activist, researcher and writer about direct democracy and human rights. Fired for being pregnant with her first child, she won a court case against her governmental employer in communist Bulgaria and since has been a champion of gender justice. Organizer of major environmental rights campaigns and referendums in the Black Sea region. Founder and co-chair (2010-2012) of the green party Zelenite Vice-chair of the global referendum and initiative coalition Democracy International.

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