

**Biographical data form of candidates to the  
Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women**

**Name (family name, first name):** Tisheva, Genoveva

**Nationality:** Bulgarian

**Date and place of birth:** Born on 1<sup>st</sup> of February 1957, Sofia, Bulgaria

**Working languages:** Bulgarian, English, French, Italian- all fluent, Russian- very good knowledge

**Current position/function:**

Managing Director of the Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation (BGRF) - since 1998; Director of the Women's Human Rights Training Institute since 2004/ a regional educational initiative for teaching lawyers from Eastern Europe to litigation skills, a partnership initiative of the BGRF, the Centre for Reproductive Rights- New York, US and the Network of East – West Women- Gdansk, Poland/, including teaching of CEDAW Convention and practice; Chair of the Bulgarian Alliance for Protection against Domestic Violence- since 2009. Member of the European Network of Independent Legal experts in the field of Gender Equality – since 2004.

**Main professional activities:**

Overall management, coordination of staff and representation of the BGRF, of the Women's Human Rights Training Institute (WHRTI), and of the Alliance for Protection against Domestic Violence; Monitoring and analyzing human rights and gender equality legislation and policy for its compliance with European and universal standards. Coordination and drafting of shadow civil society reports before the UN treaty bodies and mechanisms (Universal Periodic Review, CEDAW, HRC, CESCR). Main focus areas violence against women and girls, trafficking in women, socio- economic rights of women more in general, access to justice for women, Due Diligence, temporary special measures, gender stereotyping. Lecturing and training of lawyers in the framework of the WHRTI and the Training Centre on Prevention of Violence of the Alliance for Protection against DV. Supporting and bringing strategic cases on women's rights before the ECtHR in Strasbourg and under the OP CEDAW.

Board member of the European Women Lawyers' Association (EWLA) since 2011/ and of Equality Now/ since 2013/. Member of Women and ESCR network and expert in the Due Diligence Project.

**Educational background:**

- 1975-1980- Law Faculty of Sofia University "St. Kl. Ohridsky" – Diploma Master in Law.
- 1991- University "Robert Schumann", Strasbourg, France- Specialization in EU law and First and Second Cycle Diplomas of the International Faculty of Comparative Law.
- 2002- ILO Training Centre- Turin, Italy, The rights of women workers, Certificate of completion
- 2004- Institute of Social Studies /ISS/, The Hague, The Netherlands- Development, Law and Social Justice- Special Diploma

**Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women:**

Active involvement in drafting and campaigning for the adoption of the Law on Protection against Domestic Violence (adopted in 2005), for special legislation on gender equality in Bulgaria (since 2000), and in continuous legislative reform on gender equality issues.

Preparing and presenting alternative NGO reports before the CEDAW Committee (attending the sessions in February 1998 and in July 2012) Co-author of the alternative report of the BGRF to the 52d session “ Gender Stereotyping- a pervasive and overlooked source of discrimination against women in Bulgaria.” Coordinating the drafting and publishing of a regional shadow report under CEDAW for South- Eastern European countries (2002). Participation in the drafting of the National Plan for the implementation of the recommendations of the CEDAW Committee (July, 2013). Participant in the working group for the preparation of the new Draft Law on Gender Equality (2013). Preparing and supporting cases under the OP CEDAW- like *V.P.P. v. Bulgaria*. Active participation in the process of enforcement of the Views of the Committee in the Bulgarian cases decided so far.

**List of most recent publications in the field of discrimination against women and advancement of their human rights:**

- “*Due Diligence and State Responsibility to Eliminate Violence against Women*” - Regional report for Europe, co- author, Due Diligence Project 2014

[http://www.duediligenceproject.org/Resources\\_files/DDP%20Regional%20Report%20-%20Europe.pdf](http://www.duediligenceproject.org/Resources_files/DDP%20Regional%20Report%20-%20Europe.pdf)

- EU Gender Equality Law- update 2013 and Gender Equality Law in 33 European countries- update 2011 , Genoveva Tisheva - Author of Bulgarian Chapters

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice/gender-equality/document/index\\_en.htm#h2-9](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/gender-equality/document/index_en.htm#h2-9)

- Monitoring the implementation of the Croatian legislation on domestic violence- AHR/ BGRF, 2012 - Genoveva Tisheva- Co- author

[http://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/uploads/croatia\\_final\\_report\\_2012.pdf](http://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/uploads/croatia_final_report_2012.pdf)

- “*Breaking the Silence*” - a report by the ERRC and People in need about trafficking in Romani women and children/ including in Bulgaria/ - legal study for Bulgaria from Genoveva Tisheva, 2011 <http://www.combattrafficking.eu/sites/default/files/documents/breaking-the-silence-19-march-2011.pdf>

- “*Direct and Indirect Gender Discrimination in Old- Age Pensions in 33 European countries*” - The European Network of Legal Experts in the field of Gender Equality, co- author, 2011 [http://ec.europa.eu/justice/gender-equality/files/conference\\_sept\\_2011/dgjustice\\_oldagepensionspublication3march2011\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/gender-equality/files/conference_sept_2011/dgjustice_oldagepensionspublication3march2011_en.pdf)

- Feasibility study to assess the possibilities, opportunities and needs to standardize national legislation on VAW, violence against children and sexual orientation violence-EU Daphne project- Bulgarian study, 2010- Genoveva Tisheva

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice/funding/daphne3/daphne\\_feasibility\\_study\\_2010\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/funding/daphne3/daphne_feasibility_study_2010_en.pdf)

- Monitoring the implementation of the Bulgarian law on domestic violence, 2008 AHR- BGRF - Genoveva Tisheva- Co- author

[http://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/uploads/final\\_report\\_2.pdf-](http://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/uploads/final_report_2.pdf-)

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