

Peter GURAN (Slovakia)

Date and place of birth: 11 May 1957, Marin, Slovakia

Working language: English

Current position/function:

Head of international relations and children rights department of Slovak National Centre for Human Rights. Main responsibilities: preparation and presentation of annual report on the rights of the child in Slovakia; monitoring of actual problems of children in Slovakia; research in the field of family, human rights, children rights; project coordination; international cooperation.

Main professional activities:

Monitoring, data collection and research in the field of children rights, children advocacy and socio-legal counselling. Organization of seminar, round tables and trainings dealing with children issues. Comments and recommendations to the legislation in the field of family and human rights. Coordination of national and international projects in the field. Active participation at the work of most important EU organizations dealing with children rights. Participation at EU comparative studies and expertise of the particular aspects of children rights. Participation at the preparation and representation of the initial and first CRC report of Slovakia (October 2000) and second report (May 2007).

Educational background:

1976-1980 Department of sociology, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia (Master in Sociology).

1981-1983 Department of Sociology, Comenius University, Bratislava (PhD).

2009 Department of Politics, Comenius University, Bratislava (PhD).

Social courses: national level, family policy, gender equality, international level - organized by UN demography (Malta 1996), family and technology (Dublin 1998).

Other main activities in the field relevant to the mandate of the treaty body concerned:

Associated member of ChildONEurope (Florence), since 2004 (co-author of studies, member of expert group to inter-country adoption in EU countries). Member of FORUM for children rights by EC, DG justice and home affairs since 2007. Member of "L'Europe de l'Enfance" - EU intergovernmental group since 2002.

Member of expert groups and committees in the field of human rights and children rights in Slovakia (Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, National Council).

Long-term cooperation with UNICEF Slovakia (co-author of reports, active participation at seminars and meetings), representation of Slovakia by ICC NHRS in Geneva.

Former position (1994-1999): vice-director of Bratislava International Centre for Family Studies (affiliated to UN). 1999-2005, director general at Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, responsible for family policy and social inclusion.