

Rumiana Bachvarova



Rumiana Bachvarova is a graduate of Sofia University with a Bachelor's and Master's in Sociology, with many years of experience in the area of marketing, media, public policy research. She was founder and Managing Director of the Market Links polling agency (2001 to 2009), and prior to that she was Research Director with the Market Test agency (1995 to 2001). Bachvarova authored and implemented a series of projects and studies of the consumer market, advertisement, media and public opinion.

From 2009 to 2013 held the position of Chief of the Cabinet of Prime Minister.

On this position, he organized the work of the cabinet, leads the Council for Development at the Ministry Council, which draws up and coordinates the Government Program and other strategic documents, prepares and organizes joint meetings with other governments and official visits As Chief of Cabinet of the Prime Minister, she initiated Bulgaria to become cofounder of the Open Government Partnership Global Initiative in 2011, alongside the United States, Great Britain and Brazil. As one of the first countries to accede, Bulgaria is currently a frontrunner among the 70+ initiative member-countries in opening its public databases to citizens, businesses and journalists. Subsequently, as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, Bulgaria moved up in the open data rankings to become part of the top ten European countries in the area of Open Data, as well as 16th in the world (from 51st) according to the Open Knowledge Foundation Open Data Index.

In 2014 she was elected Member of Parliament to the 43rd National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria.

As Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, Rumiana Bachvarova had a key role in managing the impact of the migration crisis on Bulgaria. Within her term as Minister of Interior and owing to the improved border and migration management measures introduced by the Ministry under her leadership, migratory pressure towards the country and the Southeastern external border of the EU was brought down to its lowest levels since the onset of the refugee crisis.

In order to deal with the threat of terrorism and prevention of radicalization, he proposed a special law on countering terrorism, adopted in 2016, works on the organizational and management aspects of the prevention of radicalization, organizes and leads a series of anti-terrorist training exercises for the bodies of the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

From 2019 -2023 served as Ambassador of Republic of Bulgaria to Israel.

Languages

English and Russian