

# Reneta Nikolova

TV journalist,  
Chair of the Board Club-Journalists against Corruption,  
European journalist of the year 2007

- **Date of birth:** 14.12.1968.
- **Education:** higher, journalism at Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski

## Professional experience:

- **1997-2013** - Bulgarian National Television (BNT), author and presenter of the program “We and the Law”
- **2004-2013** - Chair of the Board Club-Journalists against Corruption
- **2008 – 2013** Chair of the Union of Journalists in Bulgaria Podkrepa
- **2008-2013** • Stroitel Newspaper Editor in Chief
  
- **2001-2007** - media adviser to the Agency for Financial Investigation
- **2003-2013** - member of OAFCN, OLAF Anti-Fraud Communicators Network
  
- **2006-2008** - secretary of the Regional Council for Fight against Corruption, Sofia
  
- **2008** - Deputy Chair of the Consultative Citizens Council to the Committee for Fight against Corruption to the 40th National Assembly
- **2005-2007** - member of the Consultative Citizens Council to the Committee for Fight against Corruption to the 40th National Assembly
- **2003-2005** - media adviser to the Committee of Coordination of the work on fight against corruption to the Council of Ministers
- **1994-1997** - Nova Televizia, reporter in Calendar • , author and presenter of the programs Sofia mysteries and Point-blank

## Specialisations:

- **25-26.02.** - Cologne, Germany “ International conference WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER • . Harmonizing the Fight against Fraud and Corruption in Europe
- **24-26.09.2007** - Wien-Bratislava -7th training seminar of OAFCN Fight against Fraud on Vision • .
- **5-11.02.2007** - Netherlands “ training seminar on financial control and professional standards in the sphere of legal proceedings, USAID

- **8-11.10.2006** - Sofia, Bulgaria, 6th seminar of OLAF Anti-Fraud Communicators Network Transparency and media relations as a means of fighting fraud and corruption affecting the EC interests. OAFCN and AFCOS
- **7-9.11.2005** - Rome, Italy “ International meeting for FAKE “ the first united counteraction to falsifications, led by OLAF. OAFCN
- **27-28.10.2005** - Brussels, Belgium - 5th seminar of OAFCN Building of Mutual Trust between journalists and institutions in their work against fraud •
- **June 2005** - Helsinki, Finland “ Training of anti-corruption trainers, HAUS Institute
- **May 2005** - Rome, Italy “ seminar Prevention of fraud in agriculture • OAFCN
- **November 2004** - Brussels, Belgium “ 4th seminar Information and communication as a means of prevention of fraud with EC funds and guaranteeing citizens rights • OAFCN
- **July 2004** - Salamanca, Spain- seminar Effective counteraction to money laundering, Instituto de Estudios Fiscales and Universidad de Salamanca
- **May 2004** - Brussels, Belgium “ round table Deterring fraud by informing the public • , OAFCN.
- **November 2003** - Rome, Italy “ training seminar Capacity development in Bulgarian anti-corruption institutions • , USAID
- **October 2003** - Bucharest, Romania “ 3rd seminar of OAFCN Communication with media as a means of prevention of fraud in the process of EU widening •
- **June 2003** - Sofia, Bulgaria “ training seminar Communication strategy of counteraction to money laundering • , PHARE

### **Experience in realisation of projects:**

- **2008-2009** “ project Mastering the experience of OLAF Communicators network and the new European models of partnership with the legislative system • OPAK and EFC, project leader
- **2008** “ project Integrated media campaign for raising the information of Bulgarian citizens on their rights and responsibilities according to the new Code of Civil Procedure • . Project of the Club-Journalists against Corruption, with the financial aid of the government of the Republic of Bulgaria, project leader
- **2008** “ project The Prosecution Facing Society“ • . The Bulgaria Fund of the US Agency for International Development and the German Marshall Fund, project leader
- **2007** “ Prevention of misuse with EU funds through media control. The European standards for developing partnership and trust between media and institutions on prevention of fraud and corruption with the means of EC and for defence of the financial interests of the Community. Challenges before the

Bulgarian institutions and investigating journalists. Republican budget, project leader

- **2007** “ Public and media monitoring for prevention of corruption practices in the regions of Sofia, Bourgas and Stara Zagora. PHARE, project leader
- **2007** “ High Judicial Council - from and to society. USAID, project leader
- **2006** “ European Standards in Media-Institutions Communications. European experience. Good practices of Bulgaria. Foreign Ministry “ Communication strategy of the Republic of Bulgaria on EU accession, project leader
- **2006** “ Educational documentary movie The Court“ A View from the Inside • , USAID, project leader
- **2005-2006** “ Integrated media campaign for the judiciary We and the Court, USAID, project leader
- **2005** “ Information campaign for acquaintance with the legislation and experience of Spain in counteraction to terrorism and organised crime “ FIIAPP “ Spain’s Foreign Ministry, project leader
- **2005** “ Public and media monitoring on corruption climate in the regions of Vidin and Montana for developing transparency and effective mechanism of counteraction to corruption, PHARE, project leader
- **2005** “ Investigation media campaign Face to face against corruption • , USAID, producer
- **2004-2005** “ Investigation media campaign “No to Corruption • , USAID, producer

**Reneta Nikolova is author of over 20 documentary movies and a large number of publications in printed media.**

#### **Awards:**

- **28-04-2008** “ Moscow, special award in the category Fight against corruption and dirty money • of the International film and TV festival Detective FEST for We and the Law •
- **16.04.2008** “ Sofia, annual award of the Supreme Judicial Council, Union of Jurists in Bulgaria, Ministry of Justice, Council for Electronic Media, Union of Journalists in Bulgaria for the most accurate and objective presentation of the activities of the judicial power for the rubric The Prosecutors • .
- **27.11.2007** “ **Brussels, European Journalist of the Year 2007 in the ranking European of the Year™ of the journal European Voice™**
- **2007** “ Award of the US Agency for International Development for the overall presentation in the program We and the Law • BNT for the aid of USAID to the judicial reform
- **2006** “ Award for overall journalist contribution to the Project for reform in the commercial law of USAID

- **2006** Award for material presented in electronic media of the Union of Jurists, Council for Electronic Media, Supreme Judicial Council, Ministry of Justice and Union of Journalists in Bulgaria for the trilogy We and the Judicial System •
- **2005** Award of Ministry of Interior for the most professional media presentation of the ministry activities in the euro-integration process
- **2004** Award of the Anti-corruption Committee for the most successful anti-corruption practices of the year
- **2004** “ Award of the Varna Regional Court for the most objective media presentation of the court work

**Languages:** English and Russian

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