

**PERSONAL INFORMATION****Strahil V. Karapchanski, PhD**

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**Date of birth:** December 6, 1983

**Place of birth:** Yambol, Bulgaria

**Nationality:** Bulgarian

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

- 2011 – Present **Deputy Mayor**  
Ruse Municipality
- 2010 – Present **Assistant Professor (2010-14), Chief Assistant Professor (2014 – present)**  
Angel Kanchev University of Ruse, Business and Management Faculty, Department for European Studies and International Relations
- 2009 – 2011 **Project Officer**  
Ruse Regional Energy Agency
- 2006 – 2011 **Junior Expert (2006-08), Senior Expert (2008-10), Policy Adviser (2010-11)**  
Ruse District Government

**EDUCATION**

- 2012 – 2014 **PhD in Political Science**  
Angel Kanchev University of Ruse, Bulgaria  
Member of the Epistemic and Communication Community of the Bulgarian – Romanian Cross-Border Area formed within the scientific project “BRAINS”
- 2007 – 2009 **Master of European Studies (in English and German languages)**  
Bulgarian-Romanian Interuniversity Europe Center (BRIE): Angel Kanchev University of Ruse, Bulgaria, Bucharest Academy of Economics, Romania and Chemnitz University of Technology, Germany  
Scholarship holder of the German Rectors' Conference (HRK) and the Working Community of the Danube Regions (ARGE Donauländer)
- 2003 – 2007 **Bachelor of European Studies**  
Angel Kanchev University of Ruse, Bulgaria  
Scholarship holder of the Theodor-Heuss-Kolleg of the Robert Bosch Foundation, Germany
- 1997 – 2002 **High School**  
German Language High School “Goethe” – Burgas, Bulgaria  
Scholarship holder of the German Educational Exchange Service (Pädagogischer Austauschdienst)

**TRAININGS AND SPECIALIZATION**

- 2015 **Training “Elements of a Successful Local Campaign”**  
Robert Shuman Institute, Hanns Seidel Foundation and Institutul de Studii Populare – Bucharest, Romania
- 2014 **Training in Development of the Public Administration**  
EIPA – European Institute of Public Administration – Maastricht, Netherlands
- 2014 **Training in PRINCE2 Project Management**  
APMG International, United Kingdom
- 2010 – 2011 **Training for Trainers in Rhetoric & Presentation and in Communication and Conflict Management Competences**  
Eastern Europe Center at the University of Hohenheim, Germany & Department of Psychology at the University of Hamburg, Germany
- 2010 **Training in Cultural Diplomacy**  
Institute for Cultural Diplomacy – Berlin, Germany
- 2010 **Training in Management in the Non-Governmental Sector**  
European Foundations Center – Brussels, Belgium & German Marshall Fund of the United States – Berlin, Germany
- 2006 **Internship in Regional Interest Representation & Communication with the EU Institutions**  
Lower Austria’s Permanent Representation to Brussels, Belgium
- 2005 – 2006 **Internship in Public Relations & Culture Management**  
International Elias Canetti Association – Ruse, Bulgaria
- 2005 – 2006 **Training in European Integration**  
Institute for Public Administration and European Integration, Bulgaria & Ramboll Management, Denmark
- 2004 – 2005 **Training for Trainers in Civil and Human Rights Education**  
“D@DALOS” – joint program in the framework of UNESCO, the Stability Pact for Southeastern Europe and the university of Tübingen, Germany

**LANGUAGE COMPETENCIES**

Mother tongue Bulgarian

Other language(s)	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
German	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
CERTIFICATE „DEUTSCHES SPRACHDIPLOM DER KMK – STUFE 2“					
English	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1
French	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1
A2 CERTIFICATE IN FRENCH LANGUAGE					
Romanian	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2: Proficient user  
[Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)

**CIVIC  
ENGAGEMENT**

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- 2012 – Present President of the Ruse – Free Spirit City Foundation
- 2009 – 2010 Vice-President of the Euro-Region Danubius Association
- 2008 – Present Founder and President of the Club Evropeistika Foundation
- 2004 – 2008 Founder and President of the Students' Club "Evropeistika"

**AWARDS**

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- 2016 THE OUTSTANDING YOUNG PERSONS AWARD BY JCI BULGARIA (JUNIOR CHAMBER INTERNATIONAL)
- 2015 YOUNG DANUBE SCIENTIST AWARD BY THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND ECONOMY OF AUSTRIA AND THE INSTITUTE FOR THE DANUBE REGION AND CENTRAL EUROPE (IDM)
- 2014 AWARD FOR YOUNG VISIONAIRES AND INNOVATORS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE '40 TILL 40' COMPETITION OF DARIK RADIO
- 2014 THIRD AWARD IN THE COMPETITION FOR YOUNG MANAGERS AND ENTREPRENEURS 'NEXT GENERATION 2014' OF CAPITAL NEWSPAPER
- 2006 'RUSE – 21st CENTURY' AWARD BY RUSE CITY COUNCIL

**PUBLICATIONS**

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1. Karapchanski, S. A Danubean 'Capital' in the Urban Dimension of EU Cohesion Policy 2014-2020: the Sustainable Development of Ruse (in print).
2. Karapchanski, S., B. Stancheva. The Role of Regions' Smart Specialization Strategies in the Context of the reformed Cohesion Policy of the EU. In: Ruse University Proceedings – 2015, Volume 53, Series 5.2, pp. 136-141.
3. Karapchanski, S. The European Label of Governance Excellence as an European Quality Standard in Public Administration. In: Ruse University Proceedings – 2014, Volume 53, Series 5.2, 2013, pp. 92-98.
4. Karapchanski, S. Interest Representation and Lobbying in the Political Agenda of the European Union – Definition and Institutional Framework. In: Ruse University Proceedings – 2014, Volume 53, Series 5.2, 2013, pp. 99-104.
5. Karapchanski, S. B. Stancheva. The European Groupings of Territorial Cooperation as an Instrument for Economic, Social and Territorial Cohesion in the Programming Period 2014 – 2020. In: Ruse University Proceedings – 2014, Volume 53, Series 5.2, 2013, pp. 86-91.
6. Karapchanski, S., B. Stancheva. The Participation of the City of Ruse in the European Capital of Culture Initiative – Perspectives and Challenges. In: Ruse University Proceedings – 2013, Volume 52, Series 5.2, 2013, pp. 22-27.
7. Karapchanski, S. Aspects of Regional Political Identity in the Context of a Study in the Framework of Project BRAINS. In: Ruse University Proceedings – 2012, Volume 51, Series 5.2, 2012, pp. 36-43.
8. Karapchanski, S. Prospects for Development of the Territorial Cohesion Policy in the European Union. In: Ruse University Proceedings, Volume 51, Series 5.2, European Studies, 2012, pp. 82-87.

9. Karapchanski, S. The Citizens' Participation in the Design and Implementation of Public Policies – an Element of Good Governance in the European Context. In: Ruse University Proceedings, Volume 50, Series 5.2, 2011, pp. 47-51.
10. Karapchanski, S. The Macro-Regional Approach of Governing and Coordinating the Processes of Territorial Cohesion in Europe: The EU Strategy for the Danube Region. In: Ruse University Proceedings, Volume 49, Series 5.2, 2010, pp. 37-40.
11. Karapchanski, S. Die Einbeziehung der Zivilgesellschaft in die Donaustrategie – Bestandsaufnahme und Herausforderung. In: Der Europäische Fluss: die Donau und ihre Regionen als Strategieraum. Europa-Analysen Schriften der Europäischen Akademie Berlin, Band 2, Berliner Wissenschafts-Verlag, 2011, S. 105 -113, ISBN: 978-3-8305-1909-6.
12. Fugunt, H., S. Karapchanski. Romania – Bulgaria Cross-border Cooperation Programme 2007-2013. A case study of the Ruse – Giurgiu Cross-border region. In: 10th IACCM Annual Conference and 3rd CEMS/ IACCM Doctoral Workshop "Cultural Aspects of Cross-Border Cooperation", 29 June – 01 July 2011, Ruse.
13. Karapchanski, S. Entwicklungsperspektiven Bulgariens im Kontext der Strategie der Europäischen Union für den Donauroum. Donaurektorenkonferenz, 25-27.11.2010, Ruse.