



Nikolai Tagarov

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Education

MSc in European Politics and Governance, London School of Economics

MSc in International Political Economy, London School of Economics

BBA in International Trade/Business, University of Central Oklahoma

Areas of expertise: European Union Governance and Public Policies; Chinese Institutions and Overseas Investments; International Political Economy; Renewable Energy; Immigrant Integration; Organized Crime, Anti-Corruption and Shadow Economy

Biography

Nikolai Tagarov started his career at Aon Hewitt where, in global locations such as in Chicago, New York and London, he served as a business analyst and operations manager serving several Fortune 500 clients.

Between 2008 and 2011, Mr Tagarov served as Senior Analyst and Project Director at the Center for the Study of Democracy (CSD), Bulgaria's oldest and most influential think tank, and managed multiple projects in the fields of energy policy and energy security as well as anti-corruption, AML and countering organized crime, and immigration policy. As Project Director, Mr. Tagarov was responsible for successfully planning and implementing the expansion into new research areas, and for the strategic management of international projects and partnerships, while also conducting research related to program evaluations and social impact assessments. His innovative use of mirror program evaluations and socio-economic impact assessments for transferring best practices in public sector governance among EU Member States has been validated by the European Commission, and has been replicated and implemented in numerous EC-funded projects throughout the European Union and across a wide variety of public policy domains.

Since October 2013, Nikolai Tagarov has served as Managing Director at Gateway International, a dynamic Hong Kong based consulting company based in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Beijing. In this role, Nikolai helped attract several prominent international clients and partners, and also served as the first Beijing-based EBRD China Consultant, focusing on the energy, agriculture and high-tech sectors.

Languages

Advanced to intermediate knowledge of Bulgarian, English, French, Spanish, Italian, Russian, Serbian/Croatian, German, Modern Greek; basic spoken Mandarin.

Selected Publications

Green energy governance in Bulgaria: at a crossroads (2011), Center for the Study of Democracy, Sofia (co-author)

Sustainable development and good governance in Bulgaria's energy sector: national, regional and global Perspectives (2012), Center for the Study of Democracy, Sofia (editor and author of the introductory chapter)

Gounev, P. and Bezlov, T. (2010) *Examining the links between organised crime and corruption*, Center for the Study of Democracy (on behalf of the European Commission), Sofia (co-author of the Greece country study; author of the Western Balkans literature review)

"Greece: the politics of crime" in Gounev, P. and Ruggiero, V. (2012) (eds.) *Corruption and organised crime in Europe: Illegal partnerships*, London: Routledge (co-author)

Integrating refugee and asylum-seeking children in the educational systems of EU Member States (2012), Center for the Study of Democracy (on behalf of the European Commission), Sofia (editor; author of the executive summary and introductory chapter; co-author of the chapter on "Methodological guidelines for good practices evaluation and social impact assessment")