



## **International Fellowship Programme (IFP) 2010 Fellows**

### **Alexandra Jachanova Dolezelova – Czech Republic**

Sending Institution: Gender Studies o.p.s., Czech Republic

Hosting Institution: European Women's Lobby, Belgium

Alexandra is Director of Gender Studies o.p.s., a non-governmental, non-profit organisation serving as an information, consultation and education centre, focusing on gender issues. Her organisation aims at gathering, analyzing, working with and disseminating further information related to gender and equality issues. As Director, Alexandra is responsible for the overall management of the institution; she supervises the management of EU related and other projects, fundraising, content, financial and personal management of the organisation. She has been working at the Gender Studies o.p.s. for six years. Through her fellowship she would like to gain practical experience in the field of international and European advocacy related to gender issues. Moreover, she has the intention of learning about fundraising at European level and becoming part of an international network. Alexandra is also the Chair of the Czech Women's Lobby, member of the board of European Women's Lobby, and member of the Governing Council of Equal Opportunities for Men and Women.

### **Anar Mammadli – Azerbaijan**

Sending Institution: Election Monitoring and Democracy Studies (EMDS), Azerbaijan

Hosting Institution: European Exchange, Germany

Anar is working for the Election Monitoring and Democracy Studies Center, an NGO concentrating on the development of the election system in Azerbaijan, strengthening democracy, citizen participation and civil society. Anar, being the Chairman of EMDS, is responsible for external relationship building, the daily operation and management of all departments and the supervision of publications produced by the organisation. Anar has been working for his home institution for eight years first as the Secretary and later as the Executive Director. Anar would like to learn how international NGOs work with experts in the field of democracy and election development in the Former Soviet Union Countries. During his fellowship he wants to concentrate on public advocacy campaigns, domestic election assistance in another countries and NGO management in general.

### **Andrea Matolcsi – Hungary**

Sending Institution: MONA – Foundation for the Women in Hungary, Hungary

Hosting Institution: European Policy Action Centre on Violence against Women, Belgium

Andrea is working for the Foundation for the Women in Hungary –MONA- whose mission is to initiate public debates on women's roles and equal standing in a democratic society. She is coordinating a project on trafficking and prostitution in Hungary, she is dealing with fundraising, proposal writing and reporting as well as assisting with organizational management. Additionally Andrea is a volunteer coordinator of a working group of Amnesty International Hungary.

Previously Andrea worked as a Project Coordinator of the Human Rights Initiative (HRSI) at the Central European University, Budapest and was Project Assistant and Researcher at the International Centre for Democratic Transition

Her areas of expertise are international relations and political science, with a strong concentration on human rights, mainly women's rights and minority rights.

### **Beatriz Revilla – Spain**

Sending Institution: Fundacion Luis Vives, Spain

Hosting Institution: The Barrow Cadbury Trust, United Kingdom

Beatriz is Communication and Press Officer at the Luis Vives Foundation, a Spanish Foundation active in encouraging and enhancing social action, and in supporting non-profit entities by offering training, management and organisation services. At her foundation Beatriz is responsible for editing news, press releases and newsletters; she is liaising with the media, drafting projects and organizing trainings. She is the chief editor of the Journal of Corporate Social Responsibility. Moreover, she is currently attending a Master programme in Non-profit Management. During her fellowship Beatriz would like to learn how other foundations in Europe work on social inclusion and how they raise public awareness. She would like to gain deeper knowledge on issues related to social justice and potentially establish a partnership among the two foundations.



### Corinna Hörst – Germany

Sending Institution: The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Belgium

Hosting Institution: Gulbenkian Foundation, United Kingdom

Corinna Hörst is deputy director of the Brussels office of the German Marshall Fund of the U.S. (GMF), an American foundation active in promoting transatlantic understanding and cooperation on a variety of global issues. She is supporting the executive director in all aspects of strategic planning, operations, personnel, management and communication. She is also directing the planning and implementation of the annual Marshall Forum on Transatlantic Affairs, the alumni event of GMF's most prestigious fellowship program. Previously she worked as Senior Program Officer and at the GMF headquarters in Washington, DC where she worked closely with GMF's president. Throughout her career at GMF she handled various fellowship programs, worked on several program areas (Immigration & Integration, Economics) took the administrative lead in establishing the Journalism program, and contributed to the expansion of GMF's work in Central and Eastern as well as Southeastern Europe. Before coming to GMF in 1999, she was a teaching associate at Miami University, teaching American and World history and worked as assistant project manager at a publishing company in Germany. Corinna would like to use her fellowship to learn about management structures in other foundations and to gain insights into programmatic development related to new global issues.

### Crina Marina Morteau – Romania

Sending Institution: Roma Center for Social Intervention and Studies (Romani CRISS), Romania

Host Institution: European Women's Lobby, Belgium

Crina works as a consultant at the Romani CRISS, a NGO defending and promoting the rights of the Roma in Romania. Her NGO is providing legal assistance in cases of abuse and works in combating and preventing racial discrimination against Roma in all areas of public life, including education, employment, housing and health. Her responsibilities include the development and overall implementation of the centre's strategy in the field of gender issues, advocacy activities in the interest of Romani women and the mediation with different stakeholders, such as the government and other women NGOs. Prior, she was the Project Coordinator of the Open Society Institute's Joint Roma Women Initiatives in Budapest. She is also an associated editor for *Nevi Sara Kali – Roma Women's Journal*. She would like to use her fellowship like to gain practical knowledge and experience in lobbying and advocacy, additionally she would like to get an international perspective on the promotion of Romany Women Rights.

### Esin Aksay – Turkey

Sending Institution: Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey, Turkey

Hosting Institution: Eurochild, Belgium

Esin is Program Development Specialist, working for the Department of Research- and Program Development at the Educational Volunteers Foundation of Turkey. Her foundation targets children aged 7 to 16 with programmes focusing on supporting elementary schooling and increasing life skills of children. Currently, Esin is preparing educational and learning activities; she is mediating with program advisers and devising project proposals with the stakeholders. Earlier she dealt with the establishment, development and monitoring of the Bologna Process in Turkey as an Institutional Coordinator of EU Programmes at the Işık University and she was also Project Specialist at the Sabanci University, carrying out research and advocacy, related to the Education Reform Initiative. As an IFP Fellow Esin wants to further enhance her knowledge about the third sector, specifically about other European NGOs and their operations that target education and children.

### Morag Redwood – United Kingdom

Sending Institution: Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) – Scotland, United Kingdom

Hosting Institutions: Civil Society Development Foundation and Resource Center for Roma Communities, Romania

Morag is the Project Leader of the Highlands & Islands Equality Forum within the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO). She is providing leadership, overall project management and strategic direction of this European Social Funded, cross-sectoral partnership project. She informs, encourages and empowers local communities through training, seminars, workshops and conferences, and helps the wider community adopting good equality & diversity strategies and practices that aim at improving the lives of those facing discrimination. Since joining SCVO, she has become aware of the importance of the work of NGOs and civic society and would like to get a comparative perspective within Europe. Her particular interest would be to observe how a new EU Member State addresses the huge challenges of changing public cultural attitudes to align with EU regulations on equality and diversity. This is why she would like to do her fellowship in Romania and bring home a new understanding of how to encourage a wider public respect for diversity and how to face challenges of mediating between conflicting demands for rights of different groups.

## Robin Gosejohann – Austria

Sending Institution: ERSTE Foundation, Austria

Host Institution: King Baudouin Foundation, Belgium

Robin is Project Manager at the ERSTE Foundation an organisation working to increase social participation and European Integration. The foundation works against prejudice and nationalism, to integrate thinking and living across borders, and makes these experiences accessible, particularly to the young generation. Robin sees his position as being a mediator between ERSTE Foundation and its project partners. He establishes first contacts, assesses incoming funding applications and suggests further proceedings. Previously, he was the Head of Administration of the European Stability Initiative and he also worked as Campaign Manager. Robin's motivation for applying for the International Fellowship Programme stems from his intense desire to further qualify professionally, as well as to contribute to the institutional learning of the foundation he is working for. As a Fellow, he is interested in project and endowment management, community outreach and advocacy.

## Strahil Karapchanski – Bulgaria

Sending Institution: Club Evropeistika Foundation, Bulgaria

Host Institution: The German Marshall Fund of the United States – Berlin office, Germany

Strahil is the founder of Club Evropeistika Foundation. Originally Club Evropeistika emerged as non-formal university club with purely voluntary-based activities, aiming at spreading the idea and values of the United Europe within Bulgarian society, strengthening the process of decentralization and administrative modernization as well as contributing to civic and democratic awareness of young people. The great success of the initial activities led to the official establishment of the Foundation. Strahil is a third sector practitioner, being highly devoted to the strengthening of the foundation's administrative capacity, mainly in the fields of project management and fundraising. Moreover, by extending his knowledge in the field, Strahil would like to share his fellowship experience with his colleagues, in order to intensively involve the staff in future actions and agenda-setting. Since Strahil considers 'networking' as a crucial competitive advantage for modern NGOs, he – with the help of his fellowship – would like to set up long-term partnerships.

## Vahan Hovsepyan – Armenia

Sending Institution: Union of Information Technology Enterprises (UITE), Armenia

Host Institution: Microsoft EMEA, Belgium and Germany

Vahan is the Management Advisor of the Union of Information Technology Enterprises of Armenia (UITE), an association of leading ICT companies, aiming at developing Armenia's ICT capacities by providing focused, value-added entrepreneurial and educational services as well as capacity building initiatives. Vahan is dealing with strategic development, membership issues, fundraising and he is also mediating with external governmental, public and private bodies. Beside his current occupation, Vahan is the leader of the Armenian Media Group Information and Legal Center. Being highly committed to professional development, Vahan – in the framework of his fellowship – would like to know more about how to provide various ICT training components for different types of beneficiaries and how to develop and implement programmes focusing on education and entrepreneurship. Finally he has the intention of developing his management and fundraising skills.