

Short Bio

My name is Nevena Bukova, born on 19 August 1982. I have worked for the Central Cooperative Union -Bulgaria for more than 25 years and currently serve as Head of the “European Cooperative Relations” Department within the “International Affairs” Directorate General, with responsibilities in marketing and communication.

Throughout my professional experience, I have been actively involved in preparing official documents and coordinating activities related to the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA), Consumer Cooperatives Worldwide (CCW), Cooperatives Europe and Euro Coop, with a particular focus on the International Cooperative Alliance Gender Equality Committee (ICA-GEC). This work has allowed me to attain in-depth understanding of the organisational life of ICA and its governance, strategy and policy.

In the period 2026-2026, I served as adviser to Mrs. Vanya Boyuklieva during her mandates as a member of the ICA-GEC Executive Committee.

Over the years, I have gained valuable knowledge and experience in gender equality issues, contributing to the promotion of women’s participation in cooperative governance at national level. In 2024, I was involved in the organisation of the ICA-GEC Executive Committee meeting hosted by CCU-Bulgaria, which attracted broad interest from cooperative organisations across the country.

If elected, I shall build upon my experience and promote gender equality within the agenda of the ICA and its bodies by working closely with the CCU-Bulgaria representatives therein. I have also participated in several European cooperative projects including COOP Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs, PRO COOP – Promotion of cooperative enterprises in Balkan Europe, and social and economic cohesion and joint project with Kooperationen Denmark aimed at establishment of cooperatives in Bulgaria in new fields of activity and fostering youth employment.