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Ekaterina Georgieva is a lawyer with more than 20 years of professional experience in Bulgarian, EU and International Law, as well as in international relations.

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Ekaterina Georgieva began her career as an investigating magistrate. In 1998 she joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of Bulgaria. In the course of more than 12 years she held several legal and policy advisory positions within the MFA, representing the MFA before Bulgarian civil and administrative courts at all levels and advising on national and international law matters. As diplomat she worked in the field of multilateral diplomacy, in particular on matters such as Security Council measures against terrorism, UN administrative and budgetary questions, revision of the UNCITRAL arbitration rules, international criminal tribunals, as well as the International Criminal Court. For a period of four years, she was posted at the Embassy of Bulgaria to the USA.

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Ekaterina Georgieva represents the European Commission in cases before the European Court of Justice, national courts and international dispute resolution bodies. She is specialized in international commercial arbitration and is or has been Agent in a number of complex arbitration cases under the arbitration rules of the International Chamber of Commerce and the Permanent Court of Arbitration and in cases before Dispute Adjudication Boards under FIDIC contracts.