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Desislava is an IAEA legal expert and lecturer in international and national legal frameworks regulating nuclear security.

EDUCATION

University of Cambridge, Institute for Sustainability Leadership
Apr 2022 - Jun 2022

Bulgarian School of Politics "Dimitry Panizza", Sofia, Bulgaria
2020 - 2021

Joint ICTP-IAEA School on Nuclear Security, Trieste, Italy
Apr 2016 - Apr 2016

Diploma in International Nuclear Law | International School of Nuclear Law, Montpellier, France
Aug 2015 - Dec 2015

Nuclear Law Institute, Baden, Austria
Oct 2014 - Oct 2014

Master in Law | Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski", Sofia, Bulgaria
Oct 2002 - Dec 2007

EXPERIENCE

IAEA Legal Expert | IAEA, Nuclear Law Institute, Vienna, Austria, Oct 2022
Facilitator at the 2022 Nuclear Law Institute

IAEA Legal Expert | IAEA, home-based assignment, Dec 2020 - Dec 2020
Development and revision of teaching material for module NSC1 based on NST054/NSS 12 Model Academic Curriculum in Nuclear Security

IAEA Legal Expert | IAEA, home-based assignment, Apr 2020 - Apr 2020
Development and revision of teaching material for module NSE2 based on NST054/NSS 12 Model Academic Curriculum in Nuclear Security

IAEA Legal Expert | IAEA, Montevideo, Uruguay, Nov 2019 - Nov 2019
IPPAS mission

IAEA Legal Expert | IAEA, Cairo, Egypt, Oct 2019 - Oct 2019
Lecturer at the Egypt-IAEA Nuclear Energy Management School

IAEA Legal Expert | IAEA, San Jose, Costa Rica, Oct 2019 - Oct 2019
Legal expert at the Regional Workshop to Promote the Universalization of the Amendment to the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material

IAEA Legal Expert | IAEA, Lusaka, Zambia, Oct 2019 - Oct 2019
INSSP mission

IAEA Legal Expert | IAEA, Saint Petersburg, Russia, Aug 2019 - Aug 2019
Lecturer at the Russia-IAEA Nuclear Energy Management School for Young Professionals

IAEA Legal Expert | IAEA, Jakarta, Indonesia, Aug 2019 - Aug 2019
Legal expert at a Sub-regional Workshop on Nuclear Law for Asia and the Pacific

IAEA Legal Expert | IAEA, Panama City, Panama, Jun 2019 - Jun 2019
Legal expert at a Workshop for Spanish-speaking Latin American and Caribbean Countries on the Universalization of the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism, Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and its 2005 Amendment

IAEA Legal Expert | IAEA, Sochi, Russia, Apr 2019 - Apr 2019
Lecturer at the Russia-IAEA Nuclear Energy Management School for Managers in Nuclear Organizations

IAEA Legal Expert | IAEA, Jakarta, Indonesia, Sep 2018 - Sep 2018
IAEA Legislative Assistance mission

IAEA Legal Expert | IAEA, Vientiane, Lao P.D.R., Aug 2018 - Aug 2018
IAEA Legislative Assistance mission

IAEA Legal Expert | IAEA, Quezon City, Philippines, Feb 2018 - Mar 2018
IAEA Legislative Assistance mission

IAEA Legal Expert | IAEA, Port Louis, Mauritius, Nov 2017 - Dec 2017
IAEA Legislative Assistance mission

IAEA Legal Expert | IAEA, Vientiane, Lao P.D.R., Jun 2017 - Jun 2017
IAEA Legislative Assistance mission

IAEA Legal Expert | IAEA, home-based assignment, Dec 2016 - Dec 2016
Review and update of teaching material for the NS2 International Legal Framework for Nuclear Security

Lecturer | University for National and World Economy, Sofia, Bulgaria, Sofia, Bulgaria, Oct 2015 - Present
Lecturer in International and National Legal Framework Regulating Nuclear Security

She can provide mentorship in Bulgarian and English.

MENTORSHIP TOPICS

Topic 1. Raising awareness of the importance of international legal instruments for nuclear security and training in drafting national nuclear law with a focus on nuclear security provisions

Raising awareness of the importance of adherence and commitment to the international legal instruments governing nuclear security and implementation of the obligations and recommendations set out in them, as well as training in developing a national law for peaceful uses of nuclear energy and ionizing radiation, with a focus on nuclear security provisions

Duration: to be determined according to the purpose and demand

Topic 2. Sharing experience and skills related to delivering lectures in international and national legal frameworks for nuclear security

My work as a lecturer in international and national legal frameworks for nuclear security gave me the opportunity to identify the best methods and approaches in teaching this complex and technical subject to both lawyers and non-lawyers

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