

Mr. Yordan BOZHILOV

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Yordan Bozhilov was born on November 27, 1969. He holds a Master's degree in Political Science and a Master of Law. In 1992 he began his career in the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Bulgaria. His professional career goes successively through all grades and positions. As an expert and senior expert he worked on the coordination of the Ministry of Defense with the other ministries and the Council of Ministers. He was subsequently appointed Chief of the Chancellery Department. As such, he managed the entire documentary work of the Ministry and was responsible for the development and implementation of a number of information systems. In 2002-2003, he completed a course at the Geneva Center for Security Policy. On his return he was appointed Chief of International Organizations and Arms Control Department of the Ministry of Defense. As such, he represented the Ministry of Defense in a number of international organizations. From 2005 to 2008, he was the Director of the International Cooperation Directorate, responsible for the bilateral relations of the Ministry of Defense and the participation of the Ministry in international organizations. He has led the negotiations and the conclusion of bilateral defense agreements. From 2008 until the beginning of 2010, he was the Deputy Director of the Defense Policy Directorate. Between 2005 and 2008 he represented Bulgaria in various NATO working groups. In 2008 he worked as Chairman of the Multinational Advisory Group of RACVIAK – Centre for Security Cooperation, Zagreb.

In the period March-August 2022, he served as Deputy Minister of Defence, Bulgaria. Since 2013 he has been working as an analyst in the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and is President of Sofia Security Forum, a non-governmental organization, working in the spheres of security, defense, international relations and the training of young leaders.