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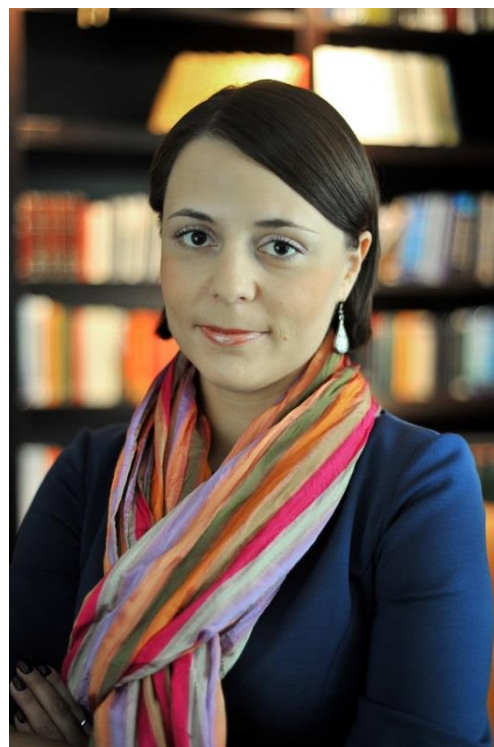
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### Professional background:

From  
December  
2013

#### **European Network of Equality Bodies "EQUINET"**

- member of the Executive Board

From  
June 2013

#### **Regional Chamber of Barristers in Warsaw**

- attorney

From  
May 2007

#### **Office of the Human Rights Defender**

(an independent equality body)

#### **Department for Equal Treatment and Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

- deputy director

- coordination of works of the Unit of Anti-Discrimination Law

#### **positions held:**

**senior clerk** (2007 - 2008), **counsel** (2008 - 2009), **senior counsel** (from 2009), **deputy director of the Constitutional and International Law Department** (2011 - 2014), **deputy director of the Department for Equal Treatment and Protection of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities** (from 2014)

#### **competence of the team (selected):**

**Unit of Anti-Discrimination Law:** conducting proceeding against discrimination on the grounds of race, nationality, ethnic origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age, disability, etc.; cooperation with institutions and organisations engaged in protecting the principle of equal treatment; analysing, monitoring and promoting equal treatment of all the persons; carrying out the research on discrimination.

## **Some tasks performed within the professional duties:**

Office of the Human Rights Defender

### **Experts Committee by the Human Rights Defender for People with Disabilities**

- secretary (from 2011)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

### **Team monitoring the execution of Judgements of the European Court of Human Rights**

- team member assigned by the Office of the Human Rights Defender (from 2011)

Prime Minister's Office

Office of the Government Plenipotentiary for Equal Treatment

### **Team monitoring the National Programme for Prevention of Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and the related Intolerance**

(opening and consulting team of the Prime Minister)

- team member assigned by the Office of the Human Rights Defender (2009 - 2011)

### **Participation in international initiatives:**

- "Partnership for Human Rights" – training the staff for ombudsman's offices from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine;
- training the staff for ombudsman's office from Jordan – the project financed within the instrument of *TAIEX (the European Commission)*;
- member of the steering group of the *CLARITY* programme of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights;
- commitment into the activities of the *Equinet* working group.

## **Education:**

- October 2012 - University of Warsaw  
March 2014 Faculty of Law and Administration  
**Postgraduate Studies of Legislative Issues**
- January 2010 - Regional Chamber of Barristers in Warsaw  
January 2013 **legal traineeship**  
- trainee
- October 2009 - Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM)  
September Academy of Diplomacy  
2010 **Foreign Policy Studies**
- October 2008 - University of Warsaw  
June 2009 Faculty of Law and Administration  
**Postgraduate Studies in European Law**
- October 2008 - University of Warsaw  
June 2009 Faculty of Law and Administration  
**Postgraduate Studies in International Law**  
**Master of Juridical Science**  
**Master's Thesis.:** *Ombudsman in civil cassation proceedings before the Supreme Court.*  
**Supervisor:** prof. Karol Weitz
- 2008
- October 2006 - University of Warsaw  
June 2008 **Faculty of Law and Administration (major: law)**
- October 2002 - University of Szczecin  
June 2005 **Faculty of Law and Administration (major: law)**

## Courses and trainings (selected):

- 2012 "EU Disability Law and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" – Academy of European Law Trier
- 2009 8th Workshops in Legislation "Law-Making Process – principles, procedures and the practice"  
(Ministry of Justice, the Central Board of Prison Service, the Government Legislation Centre, the Polish Association of Legislation)
- 2005 "The Leader. Management Skills" - workshops preparing for teaching the adults  
(CSI ZHP and Context HR)
- 2004 "Motivating" - workshops preparing for teaching the adults  
(CSI ZHP and Context HR)
- 2002 Course for regional trainers of non-governmental organisations  
(CSI ZHP)

## Publications (selected):

- 2015 *Realisation of the obligations arising from the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities by Poland*  
– report of the Human Rights Defender 2012-2014 - editor
- 2015 *Effectiveness of the means of protection against discrimination in Poland*  
"Public Law Review" No 6/2015
- 2012 *Major challenges after ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of persons with disabilities*, ed. Office of the Human Rights Defender – editor
- Publications in the series: "**principle of equal treatment - law and practice**"
- 2014 *Service of Deaf and Deafblind Persons in Public Administration Offices*, ed. Office of the Human Rights Defender – editor;
- 2013 *Prevention of violence against women including older women and women with disabilities*, ed. Office of the Human Rights Defender – cooperation;
- 2012 *Guarantee of exercising of the right to vote by the elder people and persons with disabilities*, ed. Office of the Human Rights Defender – co-author;
- 2012 *Equal opportunities for access to education for persons with disabilities*, ed. Office of the Human Rights Defender – editor;
- 2012 *Prevention of violence motivated by race, ethnic origin and nationality*, ed. Office of the Human Rights Defender – cooperation;
- 2011 *Availability of public facilities for people with disabilities*, ed. Office of the Human Rights Defender – cooperation.

## **Skills:**

- English - advanced
- computer skills (among others, Word, Exel, Power Point, Outlook) - advanced
- Driving Licence

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