



**MARIANA KOTZEVA**  
**Director-General of EUROSTAT**

Mariana Kotzeva was appointed by the European Commission on 1 March 2018. She is not only the first Bulgarian Director-General in the European Commission but also the first woman at the helm of EUROSTAT. Ms Kotzeva held the post of Acting Director-General of EUROSTAT from 1 January 2017. She joined EUROSTAT as a special adviser in 2012, becoming its Deputy Director-General in 2014.

Prior to joining the European Commission, Ms Kotzeva was the Head of Bulgaria's National Statistical Institute. She also held a number of high-level consulting posts in the Bulgarian and foreign administrations, and led international projects for the United Nations and the World Bank. Ms Kotzeva has a Master's degree in economics and a PhD in statistics and econometrics. She is an Associate Professor of Statistics at the University of National and World Economy in Sofia.