

Nikolay Milkov, PhD
Permanent Secretary of Defence



Nikolay Milkov was born in Sofia on 10 December 1957. He is a graduate of the International Relations Department of the University of National and World Economy of Sofia (1983). From 1984 to 1991 he was a PhD student and researcher and lecturer in international relations. In 1991 the academic title of PhD in Historical Sciences has been conferred to him.

In 1992 he began his career in the civil administration of the Ministry of Defence as a desk officer in charge of NATO and WEU at the Policy and Security Directorate.

From 1993 to 1997, Dr. Nikolay Milkov held various positions in the field of defence:
In 1993 he was International Cooperation Adviser to the Defence Minister;
From 1993 to 1997 he was Assistant Head of Sector at the Military Intelligence Directorate of the General Staff, responsible for the political analysis.

From 1997 to 2001, he was Director of the Coordination and Planning Directorate at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In 2001, Dr. Milkov was appointed Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria to Romania.

From 2004 to 2005 he served as a Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, in charge of the relations with NATO and security issues, and the bilateral relations with the Balkan and the European countries.

From 2005 to 2009 he was appointed Consul General of the Republic of Bulgaria in New York.

From September 2009 to March 2010 he was a senior diplomat with the rank of Ambassador at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Dr. Milkov has completed various qualification courses, among which, a senior officials course on national security strategy formulation at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, and a European administration course at the International Public Administration Institute in Paris.

From 1997 to 2000 he was member of Bulgarian Government delegations to the 52nd, 53rd, 54th, and 55th Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

Dr. Nikolay Milkov is fluent in English, French and Russian and has a working knowledge of Spanish.

He is married and has two children.