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KEY QUALIFICATIONS:

Monika Straková is the Project Coordinator and Office Manager at Partners for Democratic Change Slovakia (PDCS) where she works on programs related to improving majority-minority relations, and manages the coordination of the logistics for various training and programmatic events. Ms. Straková has received training and certification in a range of change, mediation and conflict management skills. She has an academic background in social work and nursing.

EDUCATION and COURSES:

Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia, 1995-2000

Master of Social Work, Final thesis was written on social-psychological atmospheres of Slovak hospitals.

Secondary School for Nurses, Bratislava, Slovakia 1989-1993

2003 Intensive course in Mediation, ARK, certificate.

2000 Participation in training series organized by Ministry of Work, Social Affairs and Family of SR named „Consulting in social work“, certificate.

2000 – 2001 Participation in long term international **educational program for women young** leaders, training in effective communication, leadership, team building, negotiation and presentation, certificate.

July 1999 Participation in 2-weeks course „The Minority Course“ (Denmark), focused on exchange of experiences between young Europeans active in non-profit sectors and also on co-existence of minorities and minority in different countries.

WORKING EXPERIENCE:

Office Manager and Project Coordinator, PDCS (Partners for Democratic Change Slovakia), 1999-present

- Spring 2007 - she participated on preparation of European Citizens Consultations – Making your voice heard – 2 days event where Slovak citizens randomly selected discussed the future of Europe and was responsible of organizing Open Space seminar on “Trends in trainings and non-formal education” with app. 80 participants,

- 2005 - 2006 coordinated program “Reducing Health inequalities in Roma Communities” funded from EC funds and internationally administered by FSG (Fundacion Secretariado Gitano),
- 2004 – 2005 she coordinated the Slovak part of the international program Young Women Promoting Equality, Diversity, and Peace, which involved mentoring and coaching to participants who work with Roma and other disadvantaged populations,
- August 2003 - 2006 – she cooperated on international project focused on developing the curricula in “Conflict Management”, there are 4 countries involved – Germany, Italy, Czech Republic and Slovakia,
- from April – June 2000, she was responsible for organizational part of the study visit of Serbian and Kosovarion NGOs representatives named “Training of Serbian and Kosovarion NGOs representatives providing them with technical assistance for their respective third sectors”,
- manages logistics on international projects relating to cooperation between majority and minority communities and NGOs development,
- orchestrate the logistics for national and regional trainings and on-going programs operated by PDCS,
- trained in effective communication, team-building, leadership, negotiation, facilitation, and cooperative planning, mediation.

Children nurse in hospitals in Bratislava (1993 – 1998)

LANGUAGES:

Native Slovak; Czech, English, Russian (partly)

OTHER:

MS Word, Excel, Adobe Photoshop