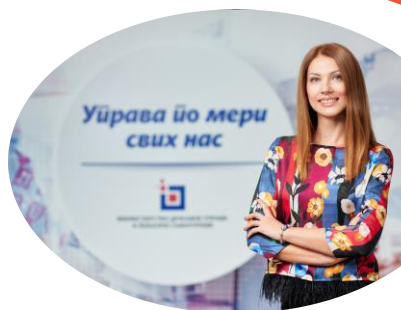


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Mrs. Putnik graduated with distinction from the University of Belgrade, Law Faculty, in 2008, majoring in International Law. As a recipient of the Matra Training for European Cooperation Scholarship of the Dutch Government, she enrolled to a master's programme in Public International Law at the University of Amsterdam, the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Upon graduating in 2009, she was awarded the title of Master of International and European Law. In 2012, she completed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Koča Popović Diplomatic Academy and has since passed the Bar Exam.

Mrs. Putnik's professional career started in 2008 when she joined the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia. While assigned to the Foreign Affairs Department, she assisted the Republic Electoral Committee with parliamentary and local elections. Before travelling abroad for her master's studies, she worked in the Secretary-General Cabinet for a time.

From October 2009 to November 2015, Mrs. Putnik was employed by the former Serbian Office of European Integration. As an Associate Officer in the Department for the Accession Process Coordination with an overview of legal and political matters, she helped draft strategic documents, monitor the implementation of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement activities, coordinate activities pertaining to the accession process negotiations between the representatives of the EU and of the Serbian Government.

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