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Kostadin Sirleshtov is Managing Partner of CMS Sofia and Head of the Energy, Projects and Construction (EPC) practice for Central and Eastern Europe and for Bulgaria.

His particular area of expertise is in oil & gas, conventional power, nuclear, electricity, renewables, infrastructure, projects, PPP, public procurement, underground resources. He has worked as the Chief of the Minister's cabinet for the Ministry of Energy and Energy Resources 2002-2004 and Chief of Minister's cabinet in the Ministry of Defence 2005-2007. As part of the team at the Ministry of Energy and Energy Resources Kostadin was a member of the working group, which prepared the current energy legislation of Bulgaria, including the Energy Act 2003 and the Energy Efficiency Act 2004.

Kostadin has advised some of the world's most prominent energy companies on their oil & gas exploration and production activities in Bulgaria, on the exploration of gas projects, regulations and permits, negotiations and disputes. He has advised on all offshore oil & gas production concessions in Bulgaria and was involved in all recent tenders in the sector.

Kostadin was also involved in the successful preparation and approval by the EU Commission of the feasibility study for the international gas pipeline Nabucco project in 2002-2003 as part of the Bulgarian Ministry of Energy and Energy Resources team. The work involved co-ordination on behalf of the Minister of Energy and Energy Resources of the national gas company Bulgargaz and the Concessions and Natural Resources department at the Ministry of Energy and Energy Resources, and negotiations for the support and approval of the EU grant for the preparation of the feasibility study.

He is praised by clients for his "**huge knowledge and understanding of the sector**" and is named "**a real leader on the market**".

Kostadin is an honorary advisor to the Deputy Chairman to the Energy Commission to the Bulgarian Parliament on legislative reform matters.



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