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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Public health and migration expert with 15+ years' experience bridging academic research, international advocacy, and policy change across Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and the EU. PhD in Sociology & Demography (Sorbonne). Proven track record in leading multi-country projects on HIV, TB, and health equity for migrant populations and vulnerable communities. Expert adviser to WHO, UN agencies, and EU bodies. Recognized for building cross-sector coalitions and translating evidence into impactful policy solutions. Believes in amplifying community voices.

KEY COMPETENCIES

- ✓ Migration & Global Health Policy
- ✓ HIV/TB Program Design & Evaluation
- ✓ Advocacy & Strategic Communication
- ✓ Academic Research & Publications
- ✓ Grant Acquisition & Donor Relations (Global Fund, UNAIDS, EU, Robert Carr Fund)
- ✓ International Stakeholder Engagement (governments, UN, EU, civil society, vulnerable communities)
- ✓ Capacity Building and Empowerment
- ✓ Multilingual and sensitive to cross-cultural dynamics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

09.2020 – now

Regional Expert Group on Migration and Health **Chair of the board and academic relations**

- Lead operational research and advocacy initiatives that improved access to healthcare for migrants across Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA).
- Contributed to the adoption of national laws in three EECA countries, enabling transnational HIV care for migrants; chaired a specialized working group to drive policy change.
- Provided expert input to UN and EU reports, shaping advocacy recommendations and influencing regional health policy.
- Managed a secretariat team, overseeing grant applications and reporting for an annual budget of ~USD 150K, securing funding from the Global Fund, EJAF, AIDSFonds, UNAIDS, and other donors.
- Delivered presentations at academic, civil society, and government forums in EECA and Europe, raising awareness of migration and health challenges.
- Represented the organization in WHO working groups and committees, contributing to international health policy development.

06.2023 – now

Cermes3, Paris Cité University, France
Postdoctoral researcher

Leading ANRS-MIE (INSERM)-funded project “East-European Refugees in Receiving Countries” examining barriers, coping strategies, and community engagement to improve access to HIV and TB care (under supervision of prof. [Laurence Simmat-Durand](#))

- Founded a network uniting community-based and academic researchers to foster collaborative, evidence-driven responses to health needs of displaced populations.
- Laureate, PAUSE Program, Collège de France (June 2023 – May 2024).

01.2019 – 09.2020

TB Europe Coalition, Kyiv, Ukraine
Community, Rights and Gender Program Manager

- Coordinated development of training modules and practical guidelines for members and partners across Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA).
- Strengthened the capacity of community-based organizations, networks, and consultants to deliver high-quality technical assistance.
- Represented the Coalition in WHO and Stop TB Partnership expert groups,
- Provided expertise on sustainability, transition, and health-financing processes, including budget accountability, social dialogue, and social contracting.
- Led initiatives to address gender, age, and human-rights barriers to access and retention in HIV, TB, and malaria services.

10.2017 – 10.2018

European and Central Asia Union of People Living with HIV, Kyiv, Ukraine
Technical Support Specialist

- Provided daily technical support to community organizations in 10 EECA countries to implement advocacy plans within the **Global Fund regional program Equitable Access to HIV Care Continuum in the EECA region**
- Reviewed and developed national policy documents to strengthen HIV care and prevention frameworks.
- Built capacity in budget advocacy, partnership development, and stakeholder communication.
- Led program monitoring and evaluation activities to ensure progress and accountability.
- Supported a regional advocacy campaign promoting migrants’ rights to access HIV and TB care across the EECA region.
- Served as a member of the EECA Regional Migration and Health Community Expert Dialogue, contributing expertise on policy and cross-border health issues.

09.2015 – 09.2017

Eurasian Harm Reduction Association, Vilnius, Lithuania
Program Manager, Sustainability and Transition Team

- Managed the Global Fund project “Equitable Access to HIV Care Continuum in the EECA Region” in 7 EECA countries.
- Led the Eurasian Regional Consortium project funded by the Robert Carr Fund.
- Oversaw grant management, donor relations, and financial and narrative reporting.
- Directed program monitoring and evaluation to ensure effective implementation and accountability.
- Provided technical support for advocacy on equitable access to HIV care for key affected groups.

- Facilitated capacity development events and technical missions for community organizations across the EECA region.
- Represented the organization at regional and national public health conferences, highlighting budget advocacy strategies and the transition of EECA countries from international donor support to national funding.

05.2014 – 04.2022

Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia
Junior Researcher, Institute for Social Policy

- Designed and implemented research projects, including desk research and fieldwork, on migration, health, and social policy.
- Published articles in peer-reviewed regional and international academic journals (see list of publications below).
- Presented research at academic conferences, civil society forums, and other expert platforms bridging academia and policy.
- Convened the monthly Migration Seminar in cooperation with the Center for Franco-Russian Studies and Oxfam, fostering cross-sectoral dialogue.

10.2011 – 02.2013

Partners In Health (Russia)
Training Manager

- Conducted needs assessments to identify gaps in psychosocial support for TB patients across 7 regions of Russia.
- Developed training curriculum and materials on psychosocial support for TB patients.
- Trained over 100 social workers, psychologists, medical staff, and NGO coordinators as part of the USAID-funded project Effective Tuberculosis Control in the Russian Federation.
- Strengthened the capacity of local health and social service teams to provide patient-centered care and support.

EDUCATION

06.2023

Doctoral school 624 of sociology and demography, Sorbonne (180 credits)
PhD in Sociology and Demography

Dissertation: Barriers and informal strategies to access medical care for irregular labor migrants living with HIV in Russia

08.2019 – 06.2020

Linköping University, Sweden
Guest PhD scholar, Research Center for Migration, Ethnicity and Society
 under supervision of [Anna Bredström](#). Scholarship from the Swedish Institute

08.2009 – 06.2011

Lund University, Sweden (120 credits)
Master of Science in Public Health

Concentration: epidemiology and biostatistics, health communication, social diseases, reproductive health, and rights.

Thesis project: Swedish caregivers' perceptions regarding the provision of care for Somali women during pregnancy and delivery: a qualitative study.

09.1998 – 06.2003

Moscow State University (Moscow, Russia)
Specialist in Theoretical and Applied Linguistics

LANGUAGES AND PC SKILLS

Languages:	Russian	-	native
	English	-	advanced
	French	-	advanced
	Hebrew	-	intermediate
Computer skills:	confident user of MS Office and Google tools, qualitative data analysis tools (NVIVO, Atlas.ti), professional use of with AI, and social media		

OTHER CIVIL SOCIETY-BASED ENGAGEMENTS

- Volunteer at the [Melograno Association](#), France: coordinator of the Sleeping Bags for Ukraine initiative since 2023, crowdfunding campaigns for Ukrainian civil society
- Board Member of [TB Europe Coalition](#), since 2021
- [Board Member](#) of the Health Advocacy Coalition since 2023
- Member of WHO EURO Regional Collaborating Committee (RCC-THV) since 2020 Member of Regional Civil Society and Community Support, Coordination and Communication Platform in EECA since 2019
- [Member](#) of Social Science & Health Innovation for Tuberculosis
- Member of RUTA Association for East-European Studies

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Engel N... Kashnitsky D. et al. Building social equity and person-centred innovation into the end TB response. *The International Journal of Tuberculosis and Lung Disease*. 28(11): 517-520

Kashnitsky D. 2022. "Performance of Illegality" Toward Migrants Living with HIV in Russia: From Social Exclusion to Deportation in Informality, Labour Mobility and Precariousness: Supplementing the State for the Invisible and the Vulnerable. Springer International Publishing. Pp. 125-137

Kashnitsky D., Richter J. M. 'In Short, We Will Deport You': Disrupted temporalities of migrants with HIV in Russia // *Global Public Health*. 2021. P. 1-20.

Kashnitsky D. 2020. The Russian HIV residence ban and state control of migration. *Journal of Public Health Policy*, 1-11.

Demintseva E., Kashnitsky D. 2020. The role of "Kyrgyz clinics" in the life of Central Asian migrants in Moscow, book chapter. *Migrations in the transnational perspective*. (in Russian)

Kashnitsky D. 2018. Les femmes migrantes centrasiatiques à Moscou: développement de stratégies formelles et informelles pour accéder aux soins de santé / *Cahiers d'Asie Centrale*. (in French)

Kashnitsky D., Demintseva E. 2018. Kyrgyz clinics' in Moscow: Medical Centers for Central Asian Migrants. *Journal of Medical Anthropology*, vol. 37, issue 8.

Demintseva E., Kashnitsky D. 2016. Contextualizing Migrants' Strategies of Seeking Medical Care in Russia. *International Migration*. Vol. 54. No. 5. P. 29-42.