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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
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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 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
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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.