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AUSTRALIAN HONORARY CONSUL, SOFIA

The Australian Government is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Joana Kehlibarova as the next Honorary Consul for Australia in Sofia, with jurisdiction throughout Bulgaria.

Ms Kehlibarova is Chief Executive Officer of business consultancy firm Intuiter. She is also the founder and Chair of the Bulgarian Australian Business Council since 2018, leading the Council's efforts to enhance bilateral relations and economic growth between Bulgaria and Australia. With a background in software development, renewable energy and strategic consulting, Ms Kehlibarova has advised companies around the world on renewable energy initiatives, including in Australia.

As Honorary Consul, Ms Kehlibarova will provide consular and passport services to Australian citizens in Bulgaria, and will assist in furthering Australian commercial, cultural, educational, scientific and technological interests in Bulgaria.

Contact details for the new Australian Consulate in Sofia are as follows:

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Ms Kehlibarova replaces Mrs Indiana Trifonova, who as Honorary Consul since 1996 has supported Australians in Bulgaria with care and dedication. The Australian Government expresses its sincere appreciation to Mrs Trifonova for her service. The entire team at the Australian Embassy in Athens sends our deepest thanks to Mrs Trifonova, our colleague and friend.

For more information, please see the [Australian Embassy website](#).