

**Ginyo Gochev Ganev**  
**Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria**



Born on March 2, 1928 in Burgas. Widowed, has two sons. Graduated in Law from Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski". Expert on state and legal sciences. Eager constitutional defender. Legal advisor and Secretary general in the Ministry of Energy, 1953-76. Member of the board of the "National Academic Foundation". Chair of the Union of People's Community Center. Chair of "Bulgarian Sport" foundation, 1994. Chair of the Civil Council on Science, Culture and Art. Chair of the "Constitutionalism and democracy" Association. Member of the Great Masonic Lodge. Member of the bureau, secretary, deputy chair and chair of the National Council of the Fatherland's Union 1976-90, chair since 1990. Chair of the "Union for the Fatherland" party since 1994. Co-chair of the coalition Patriotic Union, 1994-96. Member of the State Council, 1986-90. MP in the 33rd (1976-81), 34th (1981-86), and 35th (1986-90) National Assemblies. Secretary of the Legislative Commission in the 35th National Assembly. MP (elected in Levski single-member electoral district) in the 7th Grand National Assembly (Fatherland's Union). Deputy chair of the 7th Grand National Assembly. Chair of the Committee for Preparing the Constitution in the 7th Grand National Assembly. Chair of the Agency for Bulgarians Abroad February 1995-February 1997. MP (elected in Pleven) in the 38th National Assembly (Parliamentary Group of the Democratic Left). Member of the Committee on legal issues and anti-corruption legislation in the 38th NA. MP in the 39th NA (PG of Coalition for Bulgaria). Member of the Committee on human rights and religions in the 39th NA. Languages: Russian, English and French. On April 13, 2005, elected National Ombudsman by the National Assembly.

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