

Simona Pohlová CV

Simona Pohlová is in charge of the IPA team at the Unit dealing as well with macro-regional strategies and transnational and interregional cooperation at the European Commission, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy. The IPA team oversees the implementation of EU Pre-Accession (IPA) funds for regional development in selected IPA beneficiary countries, as well as IPA cross-border cooperation programmes between Member States and the enlargement countries. It is also in charge of accession negotiations for the regional policy matters.

Simona Pohlová joined the European Commission in 2006 and worked as a manager for cross-border cooperation programmes in Central Europe for six years. She was also responsible for organising European Week of Regions and Cities, the biggest regional policy event worldwide. Since 2013 she was in charge of accession negotiations and EU financial assistance for Turkey, as well as for coordination and management of cross-border cooperation programmes in the Western Balkans and Turkey.

Before joining the Commission Simona Pohlová worked for the non-profit sector (the Donors' Forum, Prague) and at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.

Simona Pohlová is Czech. In 1995 she obtained the final certificate from the "Centre de formation des journalistes" school in Paris and in 1998 she graduated from Master studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences at the Charles University of Prague.

She speaks Czech, Slovak, English, French, Russian and (partly) Spanish and German.