

## **Atanas Hristov Kaymaktchiev**

Atanas Kaymaktchiev is exercising the authority of the Executive Director of the Bulgarian Executive Environment Agency. He is responsible for human resource management, budgeting and finance and resource management, accounting, legal matters (including procurement and grants) and facility management. He participates in the network of Heads of administration of EU Agencies.

He is a Doctor in Biochemistry and Microbiology from Sofia University "Kliment Ohridski". Since 5 February 2020 he takes up duties in the ExEA. Prior he was a Deputy Executive Director of the agency; a Secretary General of the Executive Agency for the Environment; Secretary General of the Ministry of Environment and Water and he started his career at the Institute of Microbiology of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences (BAS) with an engagement in the scientific research. In the private sector, he has been a carbon dioxide emissions trading consultant; he has been engaged in investment projects for the restoration and conservation of land contaminated by the mining industry and he was a member of the Board of Directors in private companies. He managed projects related to environmental protection, biotechnology and mining.

Atanas Kaymaktchiev has a considerable experience in public administration and environmental investments. He has participated in the development of the current environmental legislation and regulations. He has a number of publications, monographs in the fields of biotechnology, microbiology and ecology. He has participated in many international conferences, congresses, meetings with reports and statements.