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Peter Statev has been an entrepreneur for more than three decades, as well as a start-up mentor and business angel in the ICT sector. He has a Master's degree in Electronics from the Sofia Technical University, an Effective Manager certificate from the Open University, a leading UK flexible study teaching institution. Peter currently manages **Smartcom Group** – innovative technology companies active globally. Smartcom designs, produces, installs and maintains carrier class solutions for new generation broadband networks, intelligent sensor networks for utility sectors, ML based system for active and passive, copper and fiber cable infrastructure monitoring and control. The companies offer professional services in field of micro-nano electronics EDA and telecommunication networks.

Peter is the co-founder and Chairman of the “ICT cluster” foundation (the “**ICT Foundation**”), the first cluster initiative in SEE, which aims to build an ICT business community from the ground up. The ICT foundation has supported and facilitated the set up of six regional ICT clusters in Bulgarian, in the cities of Varna, Bourgas, Plovdiv and Sofia, which today are united in the Bulgarian Federation of ICT clusters. In 2017, the ICT foundation initiated and co-founded “**Bulgarian Innovation and Technology Hub - Bulgarian DigiTech 4.0**” as a tool to support SME inclusion in process of building fully automated and robotized enterprises, managed by AI. Mr. Statev is Chairman of Supervisory board of the first Bulgarian **Science and Technology Park** and member of **Bulgarian National Innovation Council**.