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Associate Professor Anastas Kehayov has over 50 years of experience in training and coaching top management executives of more than 800 Bulgarian and international companies. His students are over 18,000 senior- and middle-level managers of enterprises doing business in various industries and the real sector.

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