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Vera Krekanova is the chief strategy and research officer for the Allegheny Conference on Community Development. She serves as a member of the leadership team, playing a key role in the development of economic development strategies and interventions. Vera is directly responsible for developing and evaluating regional economic development agendas. She leads the organization's think tank, the PA Economy League of Greater Pittsburgh, which generates strategic insights for the board and internal C-level decision-makers and provides thought leadership on regional economic development issues.

Vera has 20+ years of experience in capacity building, workforce and economic development, and has worked in the U.S., Europe and South America.

Since 2010, Vera has served as an adjunct faculty at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. She chairs the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland – Pittsburgh Branch board and also serves on the boards of the Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens and the Pittsburgh Regional Health Initiative.

Vera holds a B.A. in social work from Charles University in Prague, an M.S. in management from Robert Morris University and a Ph.D. in social and comparative analysis in public policy from the University of Pittsburgh.

