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Dr Ernest Petrič¹

Senior Adviser to the President of the Republic



Dr Ernest Petrič, born in 1936, graduated from the Faculty of Law of the University of Ljubljana in 1960.

He is a judge at the Constitutional Court of Slovenia and its former President. He is a professor at International Law at the European Law Faculty, University of Ljubljana. He is a member of the UN International Law Commission and its former Chairman.

Between 1967 and 1972 he was a member of the Slovene Government (the Executive Council). He was the ambassador to India, USA, and Austria, Nepal, Mexico, and Brazil and to the UN (New York), IAEA, UNIDO, CTBTO, ODC, and OECD (Vienna). He was a member and Chairman of the Board of Directors of IAEA. He is the author of 9 books and numerous articles. He holds a PhD and was decorated by Slovenia, Austria, Spain, Hungary and USA.

S.E. Gašper Dovžan²

Chair of the EU Affairs Committee at the National Assembly, Slovenia



Gašper Dovžan, born on 16 September 1976, graduated in Law from the University of Ljubljana in 2000. He pursued his studies in Berlin, where he obtained a Master of Science degree in European Studies in 2002. He passed the National Bar Examination in 2011. In 2012, he advised and assisted the Prime Minister on European and foreign policy issues. He previously worked in the Economic Diplomacy Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In spring 2013, he was appointed acting director of the Government Office

¹<https://www.us-rs.si/sodnik/prof-dr-ernest-petric/?lang=en>

¹<http://ambassadorsofknowledge.com/?portfolio=prof-dr-ernest-petric-2>

²<https://www.gov.si/en/state-authorities/ministries/ministry-of-foreign-affairs/about-the-ministry/gasper-dovzan-state-secretary-at-the-ministry-of-foreign-affairs/>



for Legislation. Between autumn 2014 and July 2017, he was Deputy Head of the Slovenian Embassy in Berlin. Between August 2017 and March 2020, he worked in the Department for General and Institutional Affairs of the Directorate for EU Affairs the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He covered institutional matters and coordinated the work related to the European Council. In autumn 2019, he became Head of Department.

Igor Zorčič³

Speaker of the National Assembly of Slovenia



Igor Zorčič was born on 9 January 1978.

Since 2020 he is Speaker of the National Assembly of Slovenia. A lawyer by profession, Zorčič entered the Party of Miro Cerar in 2014 and was elected MP in 2014 and 2018. Following the restructuring of the cabinet after the resignation of Marjan Šarec as the Prime Minister in January 2020. During his term from 2014 to 2018, he chaired the Infrastructure, Environment and Spatial Planning Committee. In 2018, he was appointed leader of the Party of Modern Centre parliamentary group in the National Assembly. In the autumn of 2019, he competed for the post of mayor of the Municipality of Brežice, and in the second round, he fell behind the then-mayor Ivan Molan. By the beginning of 2021, Zorčič left SMC.

Marko Pogačnik⁴

Chair of the EU Affairs Committee at the National Assembly, Slovenia



Born on 30 January 1972 in Trbovlje.

He obtained the scientific title from the Faculty of Organizational Sciences Kranj, where he received his master's degree in the theme "Using benchmarking as a managerial tool in the wood processing industry". From 2005 to 2009 he was director of the Slovenian Compensation Company d. d. From 2009 to 2011 he was employed at the Sava RE d. d. Reinsurance Company. In 2011, he was elected an MP to the National Assembly.

³<https://www.ipu.org/documents/2020-08/5wcsp-speech-slovenia-mr-igor-zorcic-president-national-assembly>

⁴<https://www.sds.si/o-stranki/vasi-predstavniki/poslanec-marko-pogacnik>



He was also a member of the Public Finance Control Commission, the Committee on The Economy and the Committee on Finance and Monetary Policy. In 2012, he was also a secretary of state at the Ministry of Finance. He was re-elected as an MP in early elections in 2014.

Monika Gregorčič⁵

Member of the Slovenian Parliament - Chair of the Committee on Foreign Policy



Born on the 5th March 1969 in Ljubljana.

She is part of the Modern Center Party and a member of the assembly since 2018. Between 2012 and 2018 she has been secretary General to the parliamentary group as well as adviser to the Prime Minister. She holds a degree in commercial and business science from Celje and a degree from the economic university in Ljubljana.

Dr. Romana Jordan⁶

Advisor to the Director at the Jozef Stefan Institute - Member of the Administrative Board of the European Union Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)



Born on the 8th January 1966 in Celje.

She holds a degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Ljubljana and a PhD in nuclear engineering from the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, University of Ljubljana.

She is an honorary member of the Municipality of Prebold, recipient of the Golden Rose SDS and Member of the European Parliament in the field of energy in 2007. She has been a Slovenian Member of the European Parliament between 2004 and 2014.

⁵ <https://si.linkedin.com/in/monika-gregorcic-10612518>

⁶ <http://www.romanajordan.si/zivljenjepis/>