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Curriculum vitae

WORK EXPERIENCE

- September 2022 - present Secretary, National Coordinator for cooperation with OECD
Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs, Ljubljana (Slovenia)
Coordination of ministries and other public institutions that are taking part in the work of OECD. Preparing coordinated opinions on horizontal issues and managing of the organisation (budget and work programme planning and implementation; implementation of enlargement policies and policies of engagement with third countries; cooperation with other international organisations etc.).
- March 2021 – June 2022 Secretary; Advisor to the Minister
Ministry for Foreign Affairs (today Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs), Ljubljana (Slovenia)
Different tasks concerning broader economic policy issues from the perspective of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, especially within the scope of the Slovenian Presidency to EU and cooperation with European Parliament in this respect.
- August 2019–March 2021 and June 2022 - present Senior Representative of the Republic of Slovenia for Succession Issues
Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs, Ljubljana (Slovenia)
Monitoring and preparing proposals for resolution of remaining open succession issues after dissolution of former SFRY. Coordination of Slovenian national interests and coordination of responsible authorities in this area. Preparing strategic review of resolving remaining succession issues in the area of movable and immovable property, including items of cultural heritage, diplomatic property, financial assets and obligations (including division of guarantees for deposits of foreign currency at commercial banks) and protection of property rights of legal persons. Conducting diplomatic consultations with other successor states.
- Oct 2018-July 2019 Secretary within the Department for Tax and Customs Policy and Administration
Ministry for Finance, Ljubljana (Slovenia)
Responsible for drafting different proposals within the system of value added tax, tax procedures and protection of taxpayer's rights, including monitoring and introducing improvements in the area of the taxpayers' rights to appeal decisions of tax authorities. Took special interest in tax morale issues.

Sep2016-Sep 2018 Minister of Finance

Ministry for Finance, Ljubljana (Slovenia)

When Minister of Finance, Slovenia achieved a surplus in the general government balance for the first time since independence. Debt of state budget was restructured to reduce interest expenditure, to reduce the general government debt to GDP ratio and to extend the duration of the debt. Slovenia improved competitiveness of its business environment.

Apr 2010-Sep 2016 State Secretary (except in period Feb 2012 – March 2013)

Ministry for Finance, Ljubljana (Slovenia)

- public finances
- designing and implementing of fiscal rules for general government
- preparing and implementing the state budget
- leading the process of expenditure reviews
- leading the process of drafting of the law on public finances
- public accounting
- leading the process of drafting of the law on public accounting
- prevention from money laundering
- leading the process of drafting legislation
- implementation of inspection function into the national Office for money laundering prevention
- tax and customs policy and administration
- introducing changes in the tax and customs legislation, leading to restructuring of tax burden, reduction of compliance costs and speeding up tax and customs procedures as well as improving compliance and voluntary payment of taxes
- leading the process of introducing tax registers as a major tool to reduce tax avoidance/informal economy
- leading the merger of Tax and Customs Administrations into Financial Administration of the Republic of Slovenia
- Awarded a Golden sign of the Customs Administration of the Republic of Slovenia in 2011 During this period and under my leadership Slovenia covered all the outstanding debts to international organisations, occurred due to financial crisis.

Feb 1993-Apr 2010 Secretary and other different expert and middle management positions within Department
Feb 2012-Mar 2013 for Tax, Customs and other Public Revenues

Ministry for Finance, Ljubljana (Slovenia)

- coordinating general tax policy issues
- drafting legislation on VAT and Excise duties, customs procedures, on tax procedures, on organisation of tax administration and administrative fees

- coordination of international activities of Directorate
- taking part in the team introducing VAT and Excise Duties in Slovenia in 1999
- preparing the first Slovenian Customs Code in 1996
- coordinating other legislative projects of the Directorate (as for example: Financial Transaction Tax, Financial Services Tax)
- cooperating with EU institutions in tax areas
- chairing the Council Working Group on Taxation (indirect taxation and administrative cooperation in taxation) in the time of Slovenian Presidency to the EU (first half of 2008)
- taking part in expert work for negotiations on accession of Slovenia to EU
- leading Slovene delegations on different negotiations, resulting in concluding numerous Protocols on Origin of Goods as part of Free Trade Agreements with different countries, groups of countries as well as Association Agreement with the EC
- a member of the Slovene delegation negotiating the agreement on accession of Slovenia to GATT and WTO

Mar 1989-Jan 1993 Different expert positions within the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Ljubljana (Slovenia)

- Expert work on legal instruments for establishment of Slovene Customs as a part of process leading to the independence of Slovenia
- Expert work on drafting legislation on international trade and use of foreign currency (customs regulations, law on international trade, law on foreign currency etc.)

Education and Training

Oct 2024-Oct 2025 Training in Mentoring and Coaching

On-going

June 1996-May 1997 Master of Public Administration (MPA)

Harvard University, Law School and JF Kennedy School of Government, Boston (United States)

International Tax Program, specialist post-graduate and master programme

Sep 1984-Feb 1989 Bachelor of Science in Law

University Ljubljana, Faculty of Law, Ljubljana (Slovenia)

Personal Skills

Mother tongues Slovenian

Foreign languages Fluent in English, Croatian and Serbian;

Organisational / managerial skills

- leadership skills; good team leader – leading by personal example and positive motivation
- organisational skills; good organizer of work
- communication skills – good in communication within the team and with different stakeholders

Other job related skills

- good knowledge on drafting legislative texts
- understanding of EU governing structures and economic/fiscal policy issues
- computer skills (MS Office)
- driving licence (B category)

Other Information

Author or co-author of several books on tax and customs law:

- VAT Law with Commentary (authors: M. Vraničar, N. Beč), GV Založba, Ljubljana 2007
- VAT Law with Commentary (authors: N. Beč, A Šircelj, M. Vraničar), GV Ljubljana 1999 appendix from 2001
- Customs Code with Commentary (author: M. Vraničar), Šircelj Consulting, Trzin 2001
- New Customs law with Commentary (author: M. Vraničar), Primath, Ljubljana, 1995
- Implementing legislation to the Customs Law with Commentary (author: M. Vraničar), Primath, Ljubljana 1996
- Customs Legislation with Commentary (author M. Vraničar), Primath, Ljubljana 1993

Independent lecturer for various institutions on indirect taxation (VAT); in the period from 1993 until 1999 also customs legislation and in the period from 2018 to 2019 also on broader issues of public finance policies.

Since May 2021 included in UNDP Rooster of pre-vetted experts in the area of Public Finance Management.

From September 2021 until March 2022 a vice-chair of the Wise persons group on challenges facing the EU Customs Union, established by the European Commission.

Since May 2022 Chair of the Advisory Board and a Member of the Governing Board of CEF, Centre of Excellence in Finance, international organisation based in Ljubljana, dealing with administrative capacity building in public administrations of South East Europe – public finance management, central banking, knowledge sharing and transformation of public institutions into learning organisations.
