

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Sex Male | Date of birth 30/10/1969 | Nationality Slovene

POSITIONS

- (2007-2010) Jean Monnet Chair on EU Law
- (2013-2016) Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence: <http://www.jm-excellence.si/>
- (from 2011 on) Full professor at the Faculty of Law University of Maribor
- (2014-2017) Senior legal adviser at the Supreme Court of the RS
- (2007-2011) Dean of the Faculty of Law University of Maribor
- (2011 - 2015) Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Law University of Maribor
- (2017 -) Judge of the Constitutional Court
- (2018 -) President of the Constitutional Court

WORK EXPERIENCES

I. Current:

From 22.3.2017 elected for the Judge of the Constitutional Court of the RS (for a mandate of 9 years)

II. Teaching activities (Past and Current)

Full professor at the Faculty of Law University of Maribor for

- EU law
 - Internal Market Law
 - Legal Remedies in EU Law
 - EU Citizenship
 - EU Consumer Law
- Public-Private Partnerships (concessions etc)
- Media Law
- Environmental Law
- Health law

Teaching activities:

- Law on the EU (substantive law of the internal market, procedural law, legal remedies),
- Environmental Protection & Nature Conservation Law
- Media Law
- Private international law
- Health law
- Law on Contractual Obligations

III. Practising law

Senior legal adviser at the Supreme Court of the RS (20% of employment) from 2014-2017.
Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Slovenia.

II. Research activities' field:

- 3) Person responsible for Jean Monnet Chair on EU Law, Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence

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- EU law - substantive law of the internal market, procedural law, legal remedies, private international law, consumer law, public-private partnership relations and regulative framework, especially public-private partnership,
- Media law;
- Environmental law;
- Health Law;

PERSONAL SKILLS

| | English | Croatian | French | German | Serbian |
|------------------|---------|----------|--------|---------|---------|
| • Reading skills | Fluency | Fluency | Good | Fluency | Fluency |
| • Writing skills | Fluency | Fluency | Good | Fluency | Fluency |
| • Verbal skills | Fluency | Fluency | Good | Good | Fluency |

Communication skills Communication skills are well developed, he performs in the public, he lectures within the UNI of Maribor and beyond, he provides well in one-to-one relations, also in business communication

Computer skills Computer literacy (Mac OS Environment, Windows Environment and Office programmes, Excel, WordPerfect, WinWord, Excel, MS-DOS, E-mail & Internet (Netscape, Outlook Express, Outlook, Mozilla Firefox, Skype..., also Word Press (internet pages' designs)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Places of education:
Name and type of organisation
providing education:

1993 - University Degree in Law (equal to LL.M. degree, second Bologna Level) Maribor (Slovenia), University of Maribor, Faculty of Law

1997 - Postgraduate Diploma - Master of Law Science in 1997; topic: Environmental Liability of commercial subject

2000 – Doctoral Thesis - Doctor of Science of Law; topic: Transferrable environmental allowances in environmental and private international law Maribor (Slovenia); University of Maribor, Faculty of Law.

During PhD study he performed also advocacy practice in Washington DC

Other studies:

Studies performed abroad:

- Austria - Karel Franzens University in Graz – European Law- 1993, 1994
- Germany – Institute for Water Law, Bonn – Environmental Law - 1994
- Great Britain - Kingston University Programme - Doing Business with England – Commercial Law – 1995
- Italy – European University Institute, Florence – European Law – 1995
- Netherlands - Institute for European law (Law Faculty University of Amsterdam) – 1996 and 1997 - European Law generally, European Private International Law and Procedure, European Consumer Law;
- USA - Private practice in Law Offices Moore & Bruce - Washington D.C.;
- USA - Private practice in Mezzullo & McCandlish – Richmond;
- USA – Interim practice in Law Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.
- all 1997 – all Environmental law, Commercial law
- Luxembourg – 2005 – Court of Justice of the European Communities and Court of the First Instance of the European Communities,
- Luxembourg – 2011 – Court of Justice of the EU and the General Court – internship;
- Luxembourg: EIPA (European Institute of Public Administration, European Centre for Judges and Lawyers, Training of Trainers on EU Waste Law, Luxembourg, 10-14 June 2013).

Organisational / managerial skills /
Projects

- He has been engaged in several organizational projects, starting (1993) as being the executive director in TEMPUS project 07783/94 under which EUROPEAN LAW was introduced as a course at Law the Faculty University of Maribor was co-coordinating together with Amsterdam University as a Contracting Party (other parties were Law Faculty University in Trieste (I), Law faculty University Karel Franzens in Graz (A) and Law faculty University in Ljubljana (SLO)).
- He was also the **titleholder responsible for the following EU financed projects:**
 - Jean Monnet Module (Contract C03/0099): **Free Movement of Services and Workers – Slovenian Perspective under EC Rules and Effect of European Citizenship** (the project is successfully concluded);
 - Jean Monnet Module (Contract 2004–2972/001–001): **Giving Effect to European Community Law in the Light of the Horizontal Direct Effect of Directives at Slovene Courts** (the project is successfully concluded);
 - Jean Monnet Chair (contract 2007– 1560 /001 – 001): **European Legal Studies** (the project is successfully concluded);
 - Jean Monnet Module (decision 2008-2667/001-001): **Balancing Fundamental Rights and International Market Freedoms in EU Law** (the project is successfully concluded);
 - Jean Monnet Module (decision 2010-4343/001-001): **Seminars on the Application of the EU Law at the Courts in Slovenia** (the project is successfully concluded);
 - Jean Monnet Module (decision 2009-3239/001-001): **Joint Seminars on EU Law – Harmonization with the EC Law** (the project is successfully concluded).
- He is currently the titleholder responsible for:
 - **The University of Maribor Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence:** (Grant decision 2009-3239/001-001) – about Environmental Law and Nature Conservation (see <http://www.jm-excellence.si/>)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Memberships**
- He was a member of the State Commission for artificial insemination with the help of biomedicine
 - He was a Member of the Expert Group for Constitutional Change (Free access to drinking water), from July 2015 to November 2017
 - He was a president of Expert Council for Modern Justice (from 23.3.2012-30.1.2013).
 - He was a representative of Academic community of the Republic of Slovenia in the High Council of the European University Institute in Florence since 2008 up to 2012 (Italy);
 - He was a member of Commission for the treatment of the genetically modified organisms at the Ministry for Environment and Spatial Planning (2008-2013)
 - He was a member of Council for environmental protection of the Republic of Slovenia from July 2010 up to July 2012;
 - He was a member of the presidency of Arbitration tribunal at the Slovene chamber of commerce;
 - He is a member of the Avosetta Group (The Avosetta Group is a small informal group of lawyers whose main purpose is to further the development of environmental law in the European Union and Member States. "Avosetta" is the Latin name of a rare bird, which caused the European Court of Justice to establish far-reaching principles of European Nature Protection Law in the German Dike-Case. See more: <http://www.avosetta.org/>)
 - He was a member of Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), an international organization based in The Hague in the Netherlands (from 2011-2017);

Honours and awards

- In 2007 he was selected among 10 the most influenced lawyers in Slovenia,
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