



Branimira Kovačević

Vice-president of the Competition Council

WORKING EXPERIENCE

Since 01 May 2002

Croatian Competition Agency, Zagreb, Croatia (<http://www.aztn.hr/>)

11/2007 – 02/2024: Head of Department for International and EU cooperation

- since 2022 – deputy member of the negotiation working group for Croatia's accession to the OECD
- 2021-2022 - head of national working group for negotiation of EU Digital Markets Act in the Competition Working Group of the Council of the EU
- 1/2020 – 6/2020 - deputy president of the competition working group during the Croatian presidency over the Council of the EU
- 11/2018 – 7/2019 – Project leader of EU twinning light project in Montenegro, titled “Strengthening Institutional and Technical capacities of the Agency for Protection of Competition”
- 2007 - 2013 – Member of the Working group for “Industrial policy” in negotiation for the EU membership

5/2002 – 11/2007: advisor, senior advisor

Responsibilities:

- as „**EU coordinator**“, activities related to the 6-year process of negotiation of accession to the EU, whose member Croatia became on 1 July 2013, now replaced by coordination of Agency's activities within the European Competition Network and other European institutions;

-cooperation with foreign agencies responsible for competition and state aid (in charge of preparation and signing of bilateral cooperation agreements), and with international organizations and institutions, such as ICN, UNCTAD, WTO, OECD, World Bank, EBRD;

-coordination of training activities for Agency's employees abroad, organisation of international seminars and conferences in Croatia and organisation of visits of foreign delegations to the Agency;

- as “**head of Project Implementation Unit**” and “**project leader**”, preparation and implementation of assistance projects:

- for the Agency as beneficiary (before EU accession):
 - responsible for preparation and implementation of numerous EU assistance projects (CARDS, IPA, PHARE) worth approx. € 7 mil;
 - coordinator of the application of a multi-county TSI project, preliminary approved by DG Reform, in the area of bid rigging (Croatia – leading country, together with Austria, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Greece, Romania);

- for the Agency as provider (after the EU accession): project leader of the above-mentioned twinning light project of assistance to Montenegrin Agency for Protection of Competition);

- as “**contact point for language issues**”, assistance to translation services in Zagreb, Brussels and Luxembourg regarding specific terminology of competition and state aid.

6/2001

Passed civil service exam

01 September 1999–01 May 2002

Office- / Ministry for European Integration, Zagreb, Croatia (now Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs, <http://www.mvep.hr/>)

Junior Advisor – analytical work regarding negotiation experiences of the candidate countries (which later acceded the EU in 2004)

1995-1998

Student jobs

Ernst & Young, Zagreb, Croatia (tasks related to audit, translation and publishing, 1997-1998)

Landesbank Saar Girozentrale, Saarbruecken, Germany (two-month student exchange via AIESEC - international association of students of economics - in 1996)

European Community Monitor Mission, Zagreb and regions of Croatia affected by the war (translation and interpretation for EC services which monitored the war in Croatia, 1995-1997)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

September 1998–September 1999

Master of Arts in Contemporary European Studies

(Croatian Government scholarship)

Sussex European Institute, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK

September 1993–June 1998

Bachelor in Economics

University of Zagreb (Faculty of Economics and Business), Zagreb, Croatia

Winner of Chancellor's Awards in 1996 and 1998 for participation at International Student Advertising Competition (creation of a three-year promotion plan for "Merrill Lynch" and one-year plan for "Chrysler" respectively) – won the third place at the European and world level

September 1989–June 1993

Grammar school graduate

Grammar school, Zagreb, Croatia

OTHER

TRANSLATION WORK

2003-2020

Translation expert hired by the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs; engaged in translation of numerous legal texts in the fields of competition and state aid (EU *acquis* and judgments of the Court of Justice of the EU), English-Croatian and vice versa

2003

Expert revision of entries in French language, Mladen Cerovac: **Glossary of law and policy of competition and related areas**, TEB, October 2003

2001

G. Tichy: «Unternehmensbewertung in Theorie und Praxis», Linde, 1994, translation of the book from German to Croatian language: **«Procjena vrijednosti poduzeća – osnova, metode, praksa»**, Faber & Zgombić Plus, 2002

1998

Work on the second edition of **English-Croatian Business dictionary** in the field of accounting, auditing, banking, company law, business finance, stock-exchange and taxes: **Hrvoje Zgombić: «Business Dictionary»**, Faber & Zgombić Plus, 1999

1997

Translation of a part of the textbook **«Auditing, A Systematic Approach»**, W.F.Messier Jr,

1997, *Mc Graw Hill*, translation from English to Croatian language: «*Revizija – Priručnik za revizore i studente*», *Faber & Zgombić Plus*, 1998

1987 and 2016

VOLUNTEERING

Student sport games in Zagreb

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue	Croatian				
Other languages	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	
English	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
German	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
French	B1	B1	B1	B1	B1
Italian	A2	A2	A2	A2	A2

Degrees: A1/A2: Beginner - B1/B2: Intermediate user - C1/C2 Advanced user
Common European Framework of Reference for Languages

Driving licence, category B