



Petra Ferk

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WORK EXPERIENCE

[09/2015 – Current] **Associate Professor for Public Administration**

New University, Slovenia, Kranj (Slovenia)

Main activities and responsibilities:

As an Associate Professor for Public Administration at New University Petra lectures about public services law, public-private partnerships, public procurement, administrative systems, special administrative procedures, and legal persons of public and private law.

[08/2010 – Current] **Founder and Director of Development Projects**

Institute for Public Private Partnership, Ljubljana, Slovenia, Ljubljana (Slovenia)

Main activities and responsibilities:

One of the Founders and Director of Development Projects at the Institute for Public-Private Partnership, Slovenia. Institute for Public-Private Partnership is involved as consultant in various complex public procurement projects, calls for tenders and public-private partnership projects, as well as assisting contracting authorities in public-infrastructure projects, projects related to services of general economic and non- economic interest, project management, economic studies, different types of commercial contracts, project financing and other related subjects.

Within the Institute for Public-Private Partnership Petra consults in complex legal issues in public procurement and public-private partnership projects. **Since its establishment, Institute for Public Private Partnership focuses on sustainable projects. Over the years Petra cooperated in implementing cca 200 PPP projects of various sizes to be implemented in Slovenia and the region.** Petra also covers the fields of research, international cooperation, and knowledge transfer. **Petra was i.a. national expert for assessment of transposition of the EU public procurement Directives to Slovenia and one of the co-authors of the Commentary on EU Public Procurement Directive.** She regularly speaks on various public procurement and PPP topics on conferences across Europe.

Petra has more than 15 years of relevant working experience in the field of public procurement, **focusing on green and sustainable public procurement and has participated in various EU projects in this respect. She has strong skills on this field in theory as well as in practice.** Experiences include close understanding of green public procurement and usage of green criteria in EU and Slovenia, as well as close understanding of monitoring the execution of public procurement contracts in EU Member States.

In 2023 Petra successfully cooperated with UNECE as international expert to evaluate 8 projects according to PIERS Methodology in Kyrgyz Republic and in Belarus. Additionally, Petra evaluated according to PIERS methodology the PPP projects of implementing **E-mobility in the City of Kranj** which was in 2022 by the international jury chosen among top five projects to be presented on the 6th PPP Forum. In 2023 the project of **“Energy Retrofit of Building in Ljubljana, Slovenia”** evaluated by Petra has been selected at the 7th PPP Forum the second place of the **UNECE PPP and infrastructure award 2023.** Currently, Petra promotes the PIERS methodology also outside the UNECE activities and has i.a. **contract with the City of Ljubljana on how to improve the projects to be even more aligned with the SDGs according to the PIERS Methodology** outcomes. With participation on those project Petra demonstrated ability to effectively manage time and adhere to schedules, excellent oral and written communication skills in English as well as ability to consistently produce high-quality project deliverables.

[2017 – Current] **S-Procurement, Ltd.**

Founder, Ljubljana (Slovenija)

Main activities and responsibilities:

S-Procurement, d.o.o.

Ukmarjeva 2, 1000 Ljubljana Ljubljana (Slovenia)

<https://www.s-procurement.si/>

Founder of the company S-Procurement, Ltd., which has localized and launched in Slovenia one of the globally most recognized public e-procurement platforms (Vortal), which fully operates since April 2018.

[09/2005 – Current] **Adviser**

Slovenia Control, Slovenian Air Navigation Services, Ltd. (Slovenia)

Main activities and responsibilities:

Legal adviser in various areas, including public procurement.

[09/2003 – 10/2005] **Adviser**

Slovenska odškodninska družba, d.d., Ljubljana (Slovenia)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

[2009 – 2014] **PhD in Law (Services of General Economic Interest in the Transport Sector, summa cum laude)**

Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)

[01/2009 – 02/2009] **Research**

Max-Planck-Institut für ausländisches und internationales Privatrecht, Hamburg (Germany)

[02/2008] **English Language Skills & Research**

Emerald Cultural Institute, Dublin (Ireland)

[10/2003 – 01/2008] **M. Sc.**

Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)

[09/2006] **Intern**

Cabinet of the Judge Ingrida Labucka, Court of Justice of the European Union (Luxembourg)

[12/2004] **Research**

Max-Planck-Institut für ausländisches und internationales Privatrecht, Hamburg (Germany)

[10/1998 – 02/2003] **Bachelor of Law (summa cum laude)**

Faculty of law, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia) Faculty of law, University of Ljubljana (Slovenia)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): Slovenian

Other language(s):

English

LISTENING C2 READING C2 WRITING C2

SPOKEN PRODUCTION C2 SPOKEN INTERACTION C2

German

LISTENING B1 READING C1 WRITING B1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION B1 SPOKEN INTERACTION B1

French

LISTENING A2 READING B1 WRITING A1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION A1 SPOKEN INTERACTION A1

Croatian

LISTENING C1 READING C1 WRITING B1

SPOKEN PRODUCTION B2 SPOKEN INTERACTION B2

DIGITAL SKILLS Microsoft Office (Microsoft)

ORGANISATIONAL SKILLS Good organisational skills gained through experience as working in different areas.

COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS Good communication and negotiations skills gained through studies, speeches, lectures, and experience as adviser in procurement procedures.

RECENT SKILLS

In the last period my research and field of expertise is focusing on electronic public procurement, issues related to electric mobility, sustainable procurement and PPPs, information security, digital-by-default approach, digital end-to-end procurement process, and assuring integrity of the data.

COURSES

Lecturer at the Academy for Administration of the Slovenian Ministry of Public Administration.

DRIVING LICENCE

Cars: B

HONOURS AND AWARDS

Young Lawyer Award of the year 2008 (award by the Union of the Slovenian Law Associations)

Award for volunteer working in various Law Associations of the year 2023 (award by the Union of the Slovenian Law Associations)

NETWORKS AND MEMBERSHIPS

National Correspondent of European Procurement & Public Private Partnership Law Review (EPPPL)

Member of the board of the Slovenian Association for the European Law

Member of the Management Committee of the International Federation for European Law (FIDE)

National Representative of the Committee of the International Academy of Comparative Law (IACL)