

Janko Burgar M.Sc.

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Janko Burgar, MSc, was born on 26 June 1967 in Kranj, Slovenia. He has had an extensive career combining his practice in private and public sector. In 1991 he finished his studies at the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Ljubljana, and obtained the title of electrical engineer; in 1996, he graduated from the Faculty of Organizational Sciences and obtained the title of IT specialist in the organization. In 2002 he obtained his Master's degree in economic sciences, specializing in Innovation management, at the Faculty of Economics and Business of the University of Maribor.

During the period 1992–2005 he obtained the business experiences in IskraEmeco, d.d. Kranj. Until 1996 he held the position as a member of the Research and development department; from 1996 until 2005, he was head of a Department for Organization and Processes responsible for the Organization and change management at a company level and a Leading member of a team responsible for the introduction of a system of ongoing improvements. The main focus in his work areas were as follows: IPR Management, HRM, Organizational behavior, Process optimization, System of ongoing improvements, Head of innovation and projects at a company level, and member of the Management Board.

From June 2005 – September 2006, he was head of the Department for Entrepreneurship and Competitiveness at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia (CCIS). In that time he was mainly responsible for Strategic planning and preparation of strategic areas for potential technological breakthrough of Slovene R&D companies and other R&D partners, Technology and business development, International cooperation and Entrepreneurship. During his tenure at the CCIS he was a founding member of the national Technology platforms and leading expert in developing a supportive business environment and tailored mechanisms, for example, cluster initiatives and technology platforms. He was also a member of a team in establishing the CCIS Venture Capital fund, as well as Consultant for IPR and innovation systems.

On 1st September 2006, Janko Burgar was appointed as acting director of the Directorate for Entrepreneurship and Competitiveness at the Ministry of the Economy (MoE). Since then until his 2nd appointment as State Secretary at the Ministry for Economic Development and Technology — he took office on 15th April 2014 until the 5th December 2014 following the decision of the Slovenian government — he has held a variety of posts at the Directorate for Entrepreneurship and Competitiveness and was a permanent member and head of inter-ministerial working groups in the field of entrepreneurship and competitiveness. In the period October 2012 – April 2014 he moved to the Slovenian Competition Protection Office (CPO) and took one of the main role for the transformation of the CPO into the Slovenian Competition Protection Agency. He is the Head of Department for General, Affairs and international Relations in the Slovenian CPO.

During the period with the MoE he has been responsible for competitiveness, entrepreneurship and industrial policy and as such, responsible for preparing national level strategic frameworks especially in the areas of technological development, competitiveness, innovation, entrepreneurship, business environment and industrial policy, financial instruments and was one of the founders of Slovene Venture Capital Fund. He was also the Board member of the Slovenian Technology Agency and Board member of Slovene Enterprise fund, committee member of the Slovene Export and Development Bank for fostering international cooperation, head of competitiveness group within the national

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reform program. As a state secretary he is responsible for the whole area of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Internal market, Internationalisation and Tourism as well. Much of this activity includes preparatory submissions at inter-ministerial level. At EU and International level he is the member of Competitiveness council, SME Envoy and a member of EU group specially devoted for promoting the SMEs policy at EU and national level, Member of Enterprise Policy Group and lead delegate for the sub-group on innovation. He is a member of OECD Committee for industry, innovation, and enterprise. In general, significant experience at international level.

His main features are communication ability, persistence, creativity, consistency, positive thinking, team work and real sense for people and management.