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Professional Background: Olgica Spevec works in private sector from 2014 providing support and advising clients in bringing their businesses in compliance with Competition and State aid policy, trade policy, industrial policy, etc. At the same time, she is active in assisting State authorities in the implementation of the EU structural and investments funds (ESIF) and evaluation of ESIF project proposals, especially in R&D, environment, energy sector, etc. Also she works as an EU and UN expert in the countries in the region and beyond consulting their governments in the process of the EU membership accession negotiations, in the approximation of their internal legal system with the EU *acquis* and capacity building.

Before her carrier in private sector, Ms Spevec had an extensive experience in State administration, started as public servant and being promoted State official:

- **2003-2013: President of the Competition Council in the Croatian Competition Agency** appointed for 2 terms of office by the Croatian Parliament;
- **2005-2013: Member of the Croatian Government Negotiating Team for the EU accession** - Chief negotiator in Chapter 8 Competition policy and Chapter 20 Entrepreneurship and Industrial policy;
- **2000-2003: Assistant Minister of the Economy** – responsible for managing the International Economic Cooperation and Trade policy Department of the Ministry of the Economy including legal approximation with the EU *acquis* and enforcement of trade measures; Trade and investment protection negotiator;
- **2001-2002: Assistant to Chief Negotiator** in negotiations of the Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA) between Croatia and the EU;
- **2002-2003: Member of the Supervisory Board of Croatian Post**
- **1993-2000: Head of Unit-Ministry of the Economy** - WTO negotiator working on the reforms related to liberalization of the foreign trade system;
- **Speaker** in international and national conferences related to the EU and national competition and trade policy and impacts of integration. **Visiting Lecturer** on graduate and post-graduate studies of Zagreb Law faculty, Faculty of Economics, etc. Dedicated to the process of the creating of open and liberalized economic system in Croatia, Ms Spevec has published a number of articles that look closely into the challenges of developing market economy system in Croatia, in particular of the integration in the multilateral and European trade and economic associations and organisations.