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Professional Background: Olgica Spevec, MSc, has been working in the private sector since 2014 as a business consultant, providing consulting in harmonizing the entrepreneurial sector with the Competition and State aid policy, trade policy, industrial policy, independently or as an associate of international consulting companies. At the same time, she has been providing her professional assistance and advising the State authorities and the local and regional self-government in the preparation and implementation of projects financed by the EU Structural and Investments Funds (ESIF), National Recovery and Resilience Plan (Croatian: NPOO) and other EU programs and projects (CEF, Life, etc.). Furthermore, she works as an EU and UN expert in the countries in the region and beyond (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Ukraine, Serbia, Kosovo), consulting their governments in the process of the EU membership accession negotiations, in harmonizing their national legal system with the EU *acquis* and capacity building.

Before her career in the private sector, Ms Spevec has been working for many years in State administration, where she gained an extensive experience, starting as a public servant and being promoted to State official:

- **2003-2013: President of the Competition Council in the Croatian Competition Agency**, appointed for two 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 including legal harmonization with the EU *acquis* and enforcement of trade measures; consumer protection, e-commerce, etc.; the Government’s negotiator in trade negotiations, negotiations for protection and promotion of investments, economic cooperation (CEFTA, EFTA, Lithuania, Turkey, Albania, Cuba, etc.);
- **2001-2002: Assistant to Chief Negotiator** in negotiations of the Stabilization and Association Agreement (SAA) between Croatia and the EU;
- **1993-2000: Head of Unit in the Ministry of the Economy** – member of the negotiating team for the membership in the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the activities on the reforms related to liberalization of the foreign trade system of the Republic of Croatia, implementation of economic policy measures;

- Other activities – participant and speaker in international and national conferences and seminars related to the EU and national competition policy and trade policy and impacts of membership in the EU. Visiting Lecturer on graduate and post-graduate studies in the Republic of Croatia.
- Ms Spevec was elected as an independent member of the Supervisory Board of Ericsson Nikola Tesla in June 2019. In December 2020, she was appointed the Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Board and the Chairperson of the Audit Committee of Ericsson Nikola Tesla and has actively participated in all the meetings.