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**To whom it may concern – Motivation letter**

By being elected to the position of mayor of the municipality of Kočevje, my fundamental goal was to implement the most transparent management of the municipality as possible and to raise standards in the field of fighting corruption, participatory democracy, and the mobilization of young people in the management of the local community. When I became a member of the Slovenian delegation at the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities in 2016, I immediately got involved in presenting my vision within various projects of the Congress. Participation in observation missions and control missions in the implementation of the European Charter for Local Self-Government represents an exceptional challenge for me. Not only do we make a de facto significant contribution to the building of democracies in the member states of the Council of Europe, but we can share different practices between countries and through cooperation we all grow and improve the level of democracy in Europe. I am firmly of the opinion that democracy is a fragile system that can survive only if there is a constant effort to improve it. I have participated in many missions so far and I want to continue my efforts in the future. In the position of the fifth vice-president of the Monitoring Committee, I can further intensify my work and offer all my knowledge to achieve even more effective goals in the field of conducting elections, as well as in the consistent enforcement of the European Charter on Local Self-Government. Based on my past work, the values that my work demonstrates and the values that I embody, I kindly ask for your support for my candidacy.

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1. **Family name:** Prebilič
2. **First names:** Vladimir
3. **Date of birth:** 21.05.1974
4. **Nationality:** Slovene
5. **Place of residence:** Slovenia
6. **Education:** Ph. D.

Institution [Date from – Date to]	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:
University of Ljubljana (1993-1998)	Faculty of Arts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B. A. in History (orientation of studies = High School teacher for history)</li> <li>• B. A. in Geography (orientation of studies = High School teacher for Geography)</li> </ul>
University of Ljubljana (1998-2001)	Master course in Defence Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, (Topic of master thesis: Comparison between Models of Conversion of Military Installations in UK, USA and Slovenia), level – Master of Sciences in Defence Studies
University of Ljubljana (2001-2004)	Doctoral studies at the Defence Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, (topic: Military Logistics in German Armed Forces During the II. World War), level – Ph. D. in Defence Studies

7. **Language skills:** Indicate competence on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 – excellent; 5 – basic)

Language	Reading	Speaking	Writing
English	1	1	1
Slovene	1	1	1
German	1	1	1
Serbian	1	1	1
French	3	3	3

8. **Membership of professional bodies:**

- President of the Association of Municipality in Slovenia
- Leader of digitalization group at Association of Municipalities of Slovenia on digitalization of Slovene local self-government (development of digital identity of citizens)
- Member of the Expertise Group of Slovene Association of Municipalities of Slovenia in the UNDEP project with State of Iraq
- Spokesperson on the Ethics, Transparency and Anticorruption of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities at the Council of Europe
- Member of the Bureau of the Socialist Group at the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities at the Council of Europe
- Member of Monitoring Committee at the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities at the Council of Europe
- Member of Slovene delegation at the Council of Regions at the European Union
- Head of Slovene delegation at the Congress of Local Authorities and regions at the Council of Europe
- First vice president of the Socialistic group in the Congress of Local Authorities and Regions at the Council of Europe
- Member of the Project Group for knowledge transfer to Iraq – United Nation Development Program (UNDP) and Slovene Association of Municipalities in Slovenia attracting the investors into municipalities

**9. Other skills:** (e.g. Computer literacy, etc.) computer literacy

**10. Present position:**

- Mayor of Kočevje since 2010
- Associate Professor, Defence Studies Department, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana since 1999

**11. Years within the firm:**

- 23 years as Professor
- 12 years as Mayor

**12. Key qualifications:**

Expertise on implementation of European Charter on Self-Government (president of Slovene delegation at the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities at Council of Europe and member of Monitoring Committee along with the membership at Bureau Socialist Group at the Congress) with the special emphasis on financing of municipalities, regional development, and decentralization:

- Delivering lectures on political transparency, accountability, and ethics in Eastern European States: Moldova (2016), Albania (2017), Ukraine (2017), Georgia (2018), Armenia (2018), Georgia (2019)
- Leader of Observing mission to Republic of Moldova on local elections in October 2019
- Member of observation Team of Council of Europe to Republic of Croatia on the local elections in Mostar
- Member of observation Team to Republic of Turkey on local elections in March 2019
- Member of observation Team to Republic of Bosnia and Hercegovina on local elections in October 2018
- Member of the Monitoring Team to Kingdom of Netherlands on the implementation of the Charter of Local Self-Government – scheduled for March 2021 (due to the COVID-19 situation)
- Member of observation Team to Republic of Bosnia and Hercegovina on local elections in Mostar, March 2021
- Leader of monitoring team of CoE in implementation of the European Charter of Local Self-government in the Kingdom of Netherlands, March 2021
- Head of monitoring team of CoE in implementation of the European Charter of Local Self-government in United Kingdom, May 2021
- Member of observation Team of CoE to the Kingdom of Morocco Republic on local elections, September 2021.
- Open Government training of CoE for mayors, council members and local self-government administrations, September 2021.
- Member of the observation Team of CoE to Georgia on the local elections, October 2021.
- Member of the observation Team of CoE to Denmark on the local elections, November 2021.
- Member of the observation Team of CoE to Armenia on the local elections, December 2021.
- Head of monitoring Team of CoE in the implementation of the European Charter of Local Self-Government in Republic of Turkey, December 2021.
- Spokesperson on Ethic and Anti-Corruption of the Congress of the Regional and Local Authorities.
- Special Envoy to the Republic of Kyrgyzstan of the Congress of the Regional and Local Authorities, March 2022.
- Member of the observation Team of CoE to Albania on the local elections, February 2022.
- Leader of the observation Team of CoE to Netherlands on the local elections, March 2022.

As professor of Political Sciences at the Faculty of Social Sciences (University of Ljubljana) the expertise is focused on Crisis Management Process at the level of local self-government, local patriotism, energy efficiency and energy management at the local self-government and green field investments:

- Lectures and seminars for the students on the undergraduate level: Military History, Defense Geography, Contemporary Political Systems, European Union
- Lectures and seminar for the students on the postgraduate level: Geopolitics – as member of Erasmus project all lectures are delivered in English as majority of students are guest students from different countries (over 25 different countries being represented)
- Leader of research group in Increasing Fiscal Capacities on the level of local self-government in Slovenia (project is financed by the Slovene Ministry of Public Administration) from 2019 to 2021
- Leader of the research group in Slovene Youth and Patriotism (project is financed by Office of the President of the Republic, Ministry of Defense and Ministry of Interior) from 2021 to 2023
- Member of the research team on Crisis Management of the Slovene Municipalities (project financed by the Ministry of Defense of Republic of Slovenia), from 2021 to 2023.

Advisory work to decision makers in Republic of Slovenia:

**Leader of the research project for the President of the Republic of Slovenia Borut Pahor on Patriotism among Slovene Youth**

2020-2022

- Longitudinal research on the patriotism among Slovene Youth (50.000 €)
- Reasons for low awareness and consequently (un)readiness for joining the national system of Slovenia
- Structural recommendations for the Slovene educational system

**Advisor to the President of the Republic of Slovenia dr. Danilo Türk on patriotism and veteran organizations**

2008 – 2011

- Conceptualization of patriotism agenda among veteran organizations in Slovenia
- Regular consultations in patriotic education among Slovene youth
- Promoting the model of active citizenship among Slovene youth
- Leader of research project – Citizen Literacy of Slovene youth 2008-2010 (over 200.000 €)

**Advisor on Defense Issues in Prime Minister Office of Slovenia**

2006 – 2008

- Assisting Prime Minister in developing National Defense Strategy
- Regular consultations with key National Defense Actors on optimization of Defense approaches
- Cooperation with the Slovene National Assembly in Slovene defense legislation

**14. Professional experience:**

Date [from – to]	Activity
2020 to date	Consultant on municipal partnerships and crisis management for U-LEAD with Europe Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Member of Expert group on Project selection U-Lead Ukraine</li> <li>➤ Assisting Ukrainian authorities in the area of Legal Personality</li> <li>➤ Assisting Ukrainian municipalities in mitigating the crisis caused by COVID-19</li> <li>➤ Providing concepts and insights in further partnership development between Ukrainian hromadas and EU municipalities</li> <li>➤ Providing assistance in the area of crisis management due to Corona crisis</li> <li>➤ Exchange of knowledge in budgeting related to the local self-government</li> <li>➤ Promoting the administrative efficiency and rationalization at the local self-government</li> </ul>
2022 – to the date	<b>President of the Association of Municipality in Slovenia</b>
2019 – 2022	Vice president of the Association of Municipality in Slovenia, representing Republic of Slovenia in the Committee of the Regions within EU. Municipality of Kočevje was recognized as most developed oriented in Republic of Slovenia under his leadership in 2018 – Golden Stone Award.
2017	Guest professor at the Victoria University, British Columbia, Canada.
2016-2019	Member of Current Affair Committee at the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities at the Council of Europe
2016 – to date	Regular lecturer in the name of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities at the Council of Europe in the area of local democracy promotion, political transparency, accountability and ethics in Eastern European States: Moldova, Albania, Ukraine, Georgia, Armenia, etc
2016 – to date	Member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities at the Council of Europe at Strasbourg representing Republic of Slovenia
2012 – to date	Member of East Cohesion Region as a representative of Dolenjska region for European funds distribution

Date [from – to]	Activity
2006 – 2008	Special advisor for defense issues to the Prime Minister of Slovenia
2008 – 2011	Advisor to the President of the Republic of Slovenia dr. Danilo Türk for the area of patriotism and veteran organizations
2010 – to date	Elected as a mayor of Kočevje and he serves his third term as a mayor of the largest municipality in Slovenia (Kočevje)
2009 – to date	Associate professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana
2007 - 2011	Chair of the Defense Study Department
2003 – 2006	Deputy mayor in the Kočevje Municipality
2004	Doctoral Student at Helmut Schmitd University in Hamburg (Germany) as Manfred Wörner Stipendiat
2002 – 2006	Member of Municipal Council and president of the Committee of finances and economy at the Kočevje Municipality

#### 16. Other relevant information: (e.g. Publications)

- Conducted different research projects for the Slovene Education Ministry and Slovene Government with special emphasis on the modern citizenship, multiculturalism, patriotism, military history and local self-government.
- Execution of the research project in the area of financial capacities of Slovene local self-government system
- Total number of bibliographical works is 493
- Author of more than 72 articles and five books
- Speaker at 39 scientific international conferences
- Mentor to 148 students on B.A., M. M., and Ph. D. level

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