

Marta Kos, M. Sc.

Profile

Born on June 28, 1965, Slovenj Gradec, Slovenia

Experienced diplomat, business leader, consultant, and communication specialist with a personal background in elite swimming sports. Several years of experience of leadership in managerial position, successful record with project management.

Since many years active on the field of gender and LGBTIQ equality.

In June 2021 she founded and is a president of the women association ONA VE

(she knows) with the goal to reach 50%-50% gender representation in the media and on public events in Slovenia.

In the spring of 2022, she was a foreign policy adviser to the newly established political party Freedom Movement in Slovenia, who won the parliamentary elections in Slovenia with 34,45% and later its vice-president.

Experience

Since 1. 1. 2021 – self-employed - **KOS CONSULTING & COACHING**

2017 - 2020 **Ambassador** Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Republic of Slovenia to Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein

During her time in Bern, the three main focuses of her work were: exchanging knowledge and experience with the countries of the Western Balkans and about the EU, deepening economic relations and Slovenia's cooperation with Switzerland in the field of artificial intelligence and health system.

2013 – 2017 **Ambassador** Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Republic of Slovenia to Federal Republic of Germany and non-residential to Latvia

During her time in Berlin, the two main focuses of her work were the process of bringing the Western Balkans closer to the EU, the so-called Berlin Process, which was launched by the then Chancellor Angela Merkel and activities in the field of human rights, in particular gender equality and LGBTIQ equality.

2003- August 2013 **Gustav Käser Training International Slovenia**,
franchise company to the Gustav Käser Training International, Zürich,
Switzerland

Director, Co-Owner and Business Coach

- Managing Director and Co-owner of Gustav Kaser Training
Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia, Macedonia, Romania

2000–2003 **Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia,
Ljubljana, Slovenia**

Vice-President for International Relations

- responsible for the chamber and economic relations with more
than 100 countries where Slovenian companies make
business, especially with the countries of Western Balkans
- responsible for the Chamber program for the Slovenian
companies on the way into the European Union and in the
South-Eastern Europe

1999–2000 **Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia,
Ljubljana, Slovenia**

Head of the President's Office & Head of the Public Relations Department

- set up the PR Office
- set up internal and external communication program

1997–1999 **Government of the Republic of Slovenia**

*Director of the Government Public Relations and Media Office and Government's
Spokesperson*

- reported to prime minister
- communicating in the name of the Slovene government
- press relations to media in Slovenia and abroad
- organizing promotion of Slovenia abroad
- organized Slovenia's first appearance as a country at the World
exposition EXPO in Lisbon, Portugal in 1998
- managed the communication's program about entering of
Slovenia into the European Union and NATO

1993–1997 **RTV Slovenia, Slovenian National Radio and
Television, Office in Bonn, Germany**

Foreign Correspondent

- first correspondent for national radio and television in Germany for independent Slovenia
- reported about German politics, economy, culture, sport, German unification, German role in the European integration process

1990–1993 **Radio Deutsche Welle (Voice of Germany), Cologne, Germany**

Journalist

- worked in the Slovenian section of the Radio Voice of Germany

1989–1990 **RTV Slovenia, Slovenian National Radio and Television, Ljubljana, Slovenia**

Sport Journalist

Education

1980–1984 Gymnasium Ravne na Koroškem, Slovenia

1984–1989 University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

- Faculty of Politics, Social Science and Journalism, obtained University degree in journalism in 1989
- 1999 -2001 University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
Master of Science in Political Science at Faculty of Social Sciences

Awards

- 2019: Great Cross of Merit of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany
- 2016: Ambassador of the Year in Germany (according to Diplomatisches Magazin)
- 2008-2012: 5 times Best Business Coach of the year of the corporation Gustav Käser Training International
- 1989: University Prešern Prize for the best University diploma thesis
- 1981: Best sportsman of the Gymnasium and Municipality Ravne
- Member of the Slovene and Yugoslav national swimming team; many years Slovene and Yugoslav Champion

Languages

Slovene, German, English, Serbian, Croatian