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Subject:	Letter from Slovenia to President-elect of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen suggesting Mr Tomaž Vesel as Member of the Commission

Delegations will find in the Annex a letter from Mr Robert GOLOB, Prime Minister of Slovenia, suggesting Mr Tomaž VESEL as Member of the Commission.

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Ljubljana, August 2024

Dear President-elect,

Dear Ursula,

On behalf of the Slovenian Government and in my own name, allow me to offer my sincere congratulations on your re-election as President of the European Commission.

In these challenging times, I find it of extreme importance to have a strong leadership in all EU institutions. I am looking forward to continuing our fruitful collaboration aimed at bringing forward the European project.

Looking ahead at the composition of the new European Commission and following your letter of 25 July 2024, I would like to inform you that the Slovenian Government nominated Mr Tomaž Vesel as candidate for the member of the European Commission. Mr Vesel has also been endorsed as candidate for EU Commissioner by the relevant committee of the National Assembly.

I am confident that Mr Vesel has the relevant knowledge, experience and leadership skills to contribute importantly to the success of the new European Commission.

Please accept, dear President-elect, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Best, Robert

Robert Golob

Ms Ursula von der Leyen
President-elect of the European Commission
BRUSSELS



Family name: **Vesel**
First name: **Tomaž**
Date of birth: **OMISSIS**
Nationality: **Slovene**



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1 Education ● ● ● ● ● ●

Institution (Date from – Date to)	Degree(s) or Diploma(s) obtained:
University in Ljubljana, Faculty of Law 1993 – 1997	Bachelor of Law
University of Maribor, Faculty of Law	Post-graduate PhD study of European Economic Law
Ministry of Finance/Court of Audit	Certified State Auditor

2 Languages ● ● ● ● ● ●

English: Full professional proficiency

German: Proficient

Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian: Full professional proficiency

French: Intermediate

3 Skills ● ● ● ● ● ●

Strategic Leadership
Financial Auditing

Risk Management

Public Sector Governance

Compliance Management

Operational Efficiency

International Relations

Change Management

Policy Development

Public Speaking and Communication



Specific international experience ● ● ● ● ● ●



Country/organisation	Date from – Date to
ILO – international training centre – Italy – preparation of training course	1999 - 2000
Cooperation with Ministry of finance and governments (Serbia, Montenegro, Croatia, Albania, Moldova,...)- consultancy	2001 - 2008
SIGMA – intellectual services	2005 - 2021
Cooperation with OECD – consultancy	2006 - 2017
European Union Twinning Projects – Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro; North Macedonia	2008 - 2015
GIZ – Deutschen Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit – consultancy	2010 - 2011
INTOSAI (International organisation of Supreme Audit organisations)	2006 - 2022
EUROSAI (European organisation of Supreme Audit organisations) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INTOSAI, EUROSAI – active participation at international conferences and round-tables • INTOSAI Committees and Working Groups – Professional Standards Committee, Performance Audit Subcommittee, Capacity Building Committee, Working Group on IT Audit, Working Group on Environmental Auditing, Task Force on Procurement Contract Audit • EUROSAI - Working Group on IT Audit, Working Group on Environmental Auditing, Task Force on Audit & Ethics • EU Contact Committee of the Supreme Audit Institutions of the European Union • EU CC Working Groups – WG Structural Funds, WG on Public Sector Accounting, WG Fiscal Policy Audit, Task Force on European Banking Union, EPSAS (European Public Sector Auditing Standards) Task Force 	
EU Contact Committee of the Supreme Audit Institutions of the European Union	2008 - 2022
FIFA - Federation Internationale de Football Federation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairman of Audit and Compliance Committee • Chairman of Compensation Sub-Committee • Chairman of Bid Evaluation Task Force for FIFA World Cup 2026 	2016 - 2021
UN - FCCC – Lost and Damage Fund – COP27/28	2024

5 Professional Experience Record



Date from – Date to	Company	Position	Description
1997	Government centre for informatics RS	Public procurement department adviser	Preparation of tender documentations, legal service
1998 - 2000	Court of Auditors	Auditor	Different audit experiences including performance and environmental audit
2000 - 2004	National review commission	Deputy of the President	Public procurement review procedures
2004 - 2013	Court of Auditors	First-Deputy President	State Audit
2013 - 2022	Court of Auditors	President	State Audit
2022 - present	Eurofit d.o.o. Salomon d.o.o.	CEO	Corporate management of holding company (1600 employees)

6 Publications & presentations



1997-2002: Author of more than 30 articles related to the audit and of more than 20 articles related to other legal areas (commercial law, administrative law, concessions, local self-government, EU Law, Environmental law, ...)

2004 – 2022: the author of several books on the law on Audit, Public Procurement and European Law:

- National review commission decisions, 631 pages
- Public procurement: conditions and award criteria, 287 pages
- European law, 891 pages
- Law on public procurement, 1083 pages
- ECJ –cases, 900 pages
- Court of Audit - Audit manual, 300 pages
- Performance Audit manual, 55 pages – several authors
- Environmental Audit manual, 50 pages – several authors

2004 – 2024: Lecturer on several international and domestic conferences, seminars or workshops regarding public procurement, performance audit, financial control mechanism, state or internal audit, concessions, environmental law, founding member of School of European Law in Ljubljana.

7. Essential specific experience

Tomaž Vesel (born 1967 in Ljubljana) graduated in 1997 at the Faculty of Law of the University of Ljubljana. He continued his education in 2007 with postgraduate studies in the field of European business law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Maribor, where he has been working on his PhD's thesis. In addition to the titles state auditor and certified state auditor, he was trained and educated abroad.

He began his career in 1997 at the Government Centre for Informatics of the Republic of Slovenia and then continued between 1999 and 2004 as a member of the National Review Commission of the Republic of Slovenia.

At the end of 2003, he was elected First Deputy President of the Court of Audit of the Republic of Slovenia. He held his office from 1 February 2004 to 1 February 2013 when he was appointed Supreme State Auditor at the Department for auditing non-commercial public services. In 2013 he was appointed as **Auditor general and President of Court of Auditors**. After his career in public sector he proceed his engagement in privat sector as CEO of large holding company.

Tomaž Vesel is the **author of numerous professional articles** and has been involved in **a number of lectures as a lecturer** in Slovenia and abroad. Important is his role in establishing the auditing of public procurement, concessions and in implementing audits of institutions in the Republic of Slovenia, whereby he has excellent knowledge of the field of public procurement, concessions, disposal of tangible and financial assets of the public sector, state aid, **European Union law** and governance structures. As an undisputed expert in the fields that are important for the performance of audit responsibility of the Court of Audit, he has also worked with international organisations. He has been **an external expert of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)** for the preparation of reports and implementation of external assistance in the countries of developing counties in the fields of public finance and public governance.

Extensive international experience are related to several large international organisation and institutions, mainly **EU, OECD, INTOSAI, UN, EUROSAT and FIFA**. He actively participate in performing monitoring, advisory or supervisory role. Except EU those organisation has global scope of work, especially within FIFA Audit and Compliance Committee he had leading role with establishment of main governance reforms and he had important part in distribution and flow of development funds worldwide, also ensuring that appropriate controls were in place.

During his work as chairman of FIFA's supervisory body he had a leading role to ensure the full autonomy, development of eligibility criteria, establishment of policies and procedures serve to ensure transparent and accountable sound financial management. His direct responsibility was related to compliance programme, risk assessment and internal control system, design of accounting policies and financial statements principles, human rights, environmental protection and gender equality, handle cases of alleged non-compliance and performing supervisory role regarding several FIFA funds (Forward 2.0, Covid 19 Relieve Plan,...) with more than 2 billion funds released.

As Auditor general of Slovenia, CEO of large company and Chairman of independant committee of FIFA, he gained practical experience with assist developing countries and provisions of essential grant-based support, operationalization of the funding arrangements, oversee the operations and administration, review and approve the budget performance reviews an audits, development of policies and procedures to be established with applicable safeguards and efficient fiduciary standards and oversight of grants and concessional loans. Recently he is also involved in preparation of operation of UN Loss and Damage fund as new funding arrangements for assisting developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, in responding to loss and damage.

Summary

Tomaž Vesel is an accomplished leader with extensive expertise in leadership, auditing, supervising, compliance, governance, and management. He has held prominent positions across both the public and private sectors, demonstrating a profound ability to steer organizations towards enhanced integrity and efficiency. His notable roles have included President of the Court of Auditors, Chairman of FIFA's Audit and Compliance Committee, and an active expert within SIGMA—a joint initiative of the OECD and the European Union designed to bolster public governance and spur socio-economic growth.

Tomaž has also been an influential participant at international congresses, conferences, numerous round-table discussions and high-level policy events. He had a proactive role within committees and working groups under the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions, the European Organisation of Supreme Audit Institutions and the Contact Committee of the Supreme Audit Institutions of the European Union. He actively cooperated at the EUROSAI Auditors Alliance at its establishment, held the presidency of the V4+2 Group, hosted various bilateral meetings and chaired several multilateral ones. Currently, he serves as the CEO of a prominent holding company.

Via his executive and advisory roles, Tomaž is an esteemed author whose writings offer valuable insights into governance, auditing, risk management, and public policy. He has been involved in a number of lectures as a lecturer in Slovenia and abroad. In his role in auditing, advisory role and management responsibility he gained excellent knowledge of the field of public management, disposal of tangible and financial assets of the public sector, state aid and European Union law.