



Andrej Plahutnik
Former Head of the Slovenian Competition Protection Agency

Andrej Plahutnik started his professional career in pharmaceutical industry as a lawyer responsible for transfer of industrial property rights and establishing joint ventures. In his business career he spent more than 15 years in different companies holding managerial positions, being primarily involved in foreign trade. His last position, before joining administration, was marketing manager in a machine building company. In February 1994 he was invited to the administration to establish and chair the Slovenian competition authority where he was a chair until late November 2007. The institution he chaired has had the competence over antitrust and merger control as well as (until the EU accession in May 2004) trade defense instruments. He also introduced the system of State Aid control and was actively involved in the introduction and upgrading of public procurement system in Slovenia. From January 2008 he acts as an independent consultant and has managed different technical assistance projects in the field of competition, mostly in Western Balkans. He is the President of the National Court of Appeal for Auto sport. He is married and has daughter and son.