

# JANEZ POTOČNIK

## **Personal details**

- Slovenian
- Born: March 22, 1958 in Kropa, Slovenia
- Married with 2 children

## **Current duties**

- European Commissioner for Science and Research (since November 2004)

## **Political career**

- May 2004-November 2004 : "Shadow" European Commissioner for Enlargement, sharing portfolio for six months with Commissioner Günther Verheugen
- 2002-2004: Minister for European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia
- 1998-2004: Head of the Negotiating Team for the Accession of Slovenia to the EU
- 2001-2002: Minister Counsellor in the Slovenian Prime Minister's cabinet

## **Professional career**

- 1993-2001: Director of the Institute of the Macroeconomic Analysis and Development, Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 1988-1993 Senior Researcher at the Institute for Economic Research, Ljubljana
- 1984-1987 Assistant Director at the Institute of Economic Analysis and Development, Ljubljana
- In the period 1991-2004 Part-time Assistant Professor of Statistics and Economy, Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana

## **Other activities**

- 2009 honorary degree (doctor honoris causa), Ghent University, Belgium
- 2008 honorary degree Doctor of Science, London Imperial College

## **Education**

- 1993: PhD in Economics, Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 1989: Master's degree, Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana
- 1983: Honours degree in Economics, Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana

## **Languages**

- Slovenian: mother tongue
- English: thorough knowledge
- Croatian / Serbian: thorough knowledge
- French: basic knowledge