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Ms. Petrin was a Fulbright professor at the Institute of International Studies at UC Berkeley and at the Centre for Industrial Competitiveness in the University of Massachusetts Lowell. She has also been a guest lecturer at 18 universities in the United States, Europe and Japan. In Slovenia and former Yugoslavia, her papers and major works represent the very foundation of studies on small business and entrepreneurship and on active industrial policy. She holds MA degree from Louisiana University in New Orleans and PhD (Econ) from the Faculty of Economics, University of Ljubljana.



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During these years, she developed and implemented horizontal industrial policy conducive to enterprise reorganization and competitiveness within which support to cluster development was among the most important policy measures. She was also an ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to the Netherlands (2004-2008). Dr. Petrin is former Vice-President, and currently member of the Board of Advisors of The Competitiveness Institute (TCI) and member of the jury preparing the award criteria and evaluating the applications received for the "Europe INNOVA Clusterpreneur of the Year 2006 Award". Recently, she was an external evaluator of "Development of a Clustering Policy Project" in Turkey. She is a member of the EFER (European Foundation of Entrepreneurship Research) Academic Advisors Board.