

Mr. Andrej Klemenc, *senior counsellor for development & development project*

Andrej Klemenc was born in Celje, Slovenia in 1963. He finished grammar school in 1981 in Kamnik, Slovenia. He graduated from political science at University of Ljubljana in 1987 with thesis on nuclear energy policy and anti-nuclear movements in Western Europe.

During his study, he was active in emerging new independent environmental movements and also served as an editor at the student magazine Tribuna in Ljubljana. After the study, he was until the autumn of 1994 engaged as a teaching assistant field of philosophy, general political science, and the history of political thought and epistemology of social sciences at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Ljubljana.

In 1995, he started a career of free-lance researcher, publicist and NGO project manager. The next year he joined the foundation of Slovenski E-Forum, Society for Energy Economics & Environment, an independent think-tank in the field of energy policy, also very active in the field of awareness raising on climate change, energy efficiency & conservation and renewable energy where he was managing secretary and project officer. In that role he participated in several EU projects funded by 5th and 6th EU Framework Programme, Interreg and Intelligent Energy Europe programs.

In 2000, he joined special training on emission trading in Washington, D. C., organized by US EPA and in 2007 under the custody of Foreign Visitors Programme of the State Department; he joined a study tour on alternative energy in the USA. At the turn of the millennium, he was a member of national sustainable development council and in 2002; he joined the WSSD in Johannesburg, South Africa.

From 2009 till September 2015 he served as a project officer at The Regional Environmental Centre for CEE – Ljubljana Office where the focus of his activities was on the projects related to energy efficiency and renewable energy in SMEs and municipalities and sustainable mobility, at very first comprehensive and inclusive planning of cycling as a part of transport system in the city of Ljubljana and small and mid-sized towns in Slovenia.

Andrej Klemenc is married and has a 26-year-old son from his previous marriage. Since 2003, he lives in Borovnica. He is a cyclist commuter and tourist cyclist and the Deputy President of Slovenian Cyclists Network. In recent time, he is getting more and more enthusiastic about organic gardening.