

AmCham Talents 2022 Speakers' Biographies

Speakers are listed in alphabetical order



Anita Cvetic Orešćanin
Board Member
Poslovna inteligencija

Anita Cvetic Orešćanin is one of three founders and partners in Poslovna inteligencija, an IT consulting company focused on advanced analytics, big data, artificial intelligence, machine learning and data privacy. She is currently holding the position of Board Member of Poslovna inteligencija and Managing Director of BIRD Consulting Ltd., Poslovna inteligencija's branch office in Austria. In her capacity of Board Member of Poslovna inteligencija, she is responsible of Finance & Controlling, People & Culture, Internal Infrastructure & IT and Marketing and Communications. Anita's vision of her role in is to be coach to young talents to help them develop their full potential within Poslovna inteligencija's landscape.

She is also member of management board of Croatian Independent Software Exporters association, and active in initiatives focused on supporting women entrepreneurship. In 2019, Anita had an honor to be nominated and participated in the U.S. Department of State's premier professional exchange program - International Visitor Leadership Program - HiddenNoMore: Empowering Women Leaders in STEM.

Before Poslovna inteligencija, Anita grew experience in Zagrebačka banka, McDonald's and CEMA (today's GfK Institute).

Anita has graduated in Accounting and Finance from the Faculty of Economics, University of Zagreb.



Liana Keserić
Chairman of the Management Board
Raiffeisenbank Austria

Liana has been part of Raiffeisen Bank in Croatia for 20 years, and she has been CEO since 2020.

She sees every day as an opportunity to bring banking and finance closer to people.

IT is in her DNA and in the digital age in which we live, she is on a mission to use it to the fullest and to give Raiffeisen Bank a voice that people understand, a voice of simplicity, clarity and trust.



Daniel Mondekar
Managing Director
EuroNavigator

Daniel is a Senior EU Affairs expert with experience covering areas of public policy and decision making process in the EU and SEE with almost 20 years of professional and activist experience in EU policies and EU integration gained in Brussels and Zagreb.

As a Member of Parliament (2008 – 2016) he was directly involved in the complex process of the Croatian preparation for the EU accession and oversight of the Governmental work in the EU Institutions after accession. In 2011 Daniel spent several months in European Parliament as an observer in the political group. He was also involved in the work of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and Joint Parliamentary Committee with European Parliament.

He has excellent understanding of the internal structures of EU institutions, European political parties, functioning of national EU coordination systems and deep insight into the legislative procedures in Brussels and the role of expert working groups and advocacy groups in decision making process.



Schalk Opperman
Managing Director and General Manager
Merck Croatia & Slovenia

Schalk Opperman is the General Manager and Managing Director for Merck Croatia & Slovenia.

He has been with Merck for 20 years working in South Africa, Kenya, Romania and most recently in Croatia & Slovenia. Schalk started his career as a teacher, he has a Bachelor degree of Science and education. He started in Merck South Africa in 2001 as a representative. After representative, Training Manager, Export Manager, Licencing & Business Development, National Sales

Manager and eventually in 2015 Ad Interim General Manager of East Africa in Kenya. In 2016 he moved to Romania as General Manager and four years later to Croatia and Slovenia as GM/MD.

In his heart he is a "Developer of People" and is happy that he is still able to develop people in his current role.



Željko Pavlin
Managing Director
HS Produkt

Since 2001 Željko is General Manager responsible for development, financial, strategical and day-to-day operations of HS Produkt located in Karlovac.

Željko started working at HS Produkt in 1995 as constructor / technologist developing new products and setting technology required for production of small firearms.

He has a degree from the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture.

Željko is participant of the Croatian Homeland War for independence and he is awarded with Homeland War Memorial medal (Spomenica Domovinskog rata) and Medal for Participation in Operation "Storm" (Medalja za sudjelovanje u operaciji "Oluja").



Iva Rogović Lekić
CEO
Marsh

Iva graduated Air Transport Engineering in 1997 and gained Commercial Pilot Licence in the USA. She started her career as Airline Pilot, spent 6 years in professional aviation, having more than 2000 flight hours.

In 2012 Iva started her insurance journey, first with managerial role in insurance company, and afterwards as director with 2 brokers firms. In 2019 she joined Marsh as CEO of Marsh Croatia, part of Marsh McLennan from NY.

From 2018-2021 Iva held a position of Vice president of Brokers association at the Chamber of Economy. She is also member of Visoka Škola Za Sigurnost (part of SSBM Geneva) Economic council.

Iva holds many professional licenses and certificates from Chartered Insurance Institute of UK.

Her professional expertise are reinsurance, professional indemnity, directors and officers liability insurance.



Nives Sandri
Member of the Board
Nokia Solutions and Networks Croatia and North Macedonia

Nives Sandri is currently obtaining Board member position at Nokia's branch offices in Croatia and North Macedonia.

Her professional path began in 1992 within "Croatian Post and Telecommunications" where she started as an electrical engineer with tasks in the maintenance of telecommunications.

In 1995 she continued her career in Siemens Croatia in the communications sector, where her professional career gradually developed together with the transformation of the

aforementioned Siemens COM sector, which today became known as Nokia. During this period, she has held various positions as Sales Account Manager, Sales Manager in the Communications and IT Department, Director of the Communications and IT Sector, and current position of Management Board member of Nokia branch in Croatia and North Macedonia.

Nives holds a Master of Science degree in Technical Sciences, Electrical Engineering, Telecommunications and Computing from the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing in Zagreb.

She is very energetic and passionate about gaining new learnings and finding new business opportunities.

Privately she likes hiking, long walks with her 2 dogs, spending time with her family and friends.



Aurora Volarević
Vice President Corporate Affairs
Infobip

Aurora Volarevic is Vice President of Corporate Affairs in Infobip, the first Croatian unicorn and global leader in omnichannel communication, with offices in 60+ countries.

With over 25 years of experience in the banking and telecom industries, she was previously part of Deutsche Telekom's global audit management team and headed the Internal Control, Audit and Risk Department for HT Group and Montenegro Telekom.

She also held a number of management positions in the banking industry, including Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation and UniCredit Group.

Aurora has led a number of complex, global cutting edge projects to improve processes in the areas of financial and IT audit, fraud detection and business.

She graduated in telecommunications from the Faculty of Electrical Engineering and Computing at the University of Zagreb, completed her studies in management and obtained her master's degree in auditing at the Faculty of Economics. She also completed a certified Harvard University Data Science program.

Key certificates: CISA, CISM, CGEIT, CRISC, CDPSE (ISACA), Data Science (HarvardX)