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NEW GOVERNMENT IN THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

The Slovenian Prime Minister, Janez Janša, was elected by the National Assembly on 22 May 2026, marking the fourth term in his prolific political career. The 16th Government of the Republic of Slovenia, led by him, was formally appointed by the National Assembly on 4 June 2026. The coalition government comprises the Slovenian Democratic Party (SDS), New Slovenia (NSi), the Slovenian People's Party (SLS), Focus, and the Democrats. The coalition holds a solid majority of 43 out of 90 seats in the National Assembly, additionally supported by opposition Truth party (Resni.ca) which holds 5 seats. Altogether 48 seats.

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NEW MINISTRY OF FINANCE LEADERSHIP

Andrej Šircelj, M.Sc., The Minister of Finance



Andrej Šircelj (born on 28 February 1959) graduated from the Faculty of Economics in Ljubljana and obtained his master's degree at the Faculty of Law in Maribor.

He began his career as a teacher at the Secondary School of Economics in Ljubljana and then worked at Iskra, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia, and the Ministry of Finance as an adviser to the Government on tax matters. He was later owner of the successful private company in the field of tax and business consulting. In 2005, he was appointed State Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister, with a mandate at the Ministry of Finance. During this period, he helped shape Slovenia's economic and financial policy. He led key government projects in the areas of banking, finance and infrastructure, cooperated with many international institutions, such as the European Union, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the OECD, and led projects in the fields of finance and taxation during Slovenia's Presidency of the Council of the EU. Between 2008 and 2009, he served as a member of the Board of Directors of the European Investment Bank. From 2009 to 2011, he served as an adviser to the President of the Management Board at Gorenjska banka Kranj.

He was first elected Deputy to the National Assembly in 2011 and was subsequently re-elected in 2014 and 2018. During this time, he chaired the Committee on Finance and Monetary Policy and the Commission for Public Finance Control and was a member of the Constitutional Commission and the Committee on Foreign Policy. He also headed the Slovenian delegation in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

From 2020 to 2022, he served as Minister of Finance in the 14th Government of the Republic of Slovenia. In this capacity, he chaired the Economic and Financial Affairs Council (ECOFIN) during Slovenia's Presidency of the Council of the EU.

The Finance Ministers' Cabinet Members are:

Maja Hostnik Kališek, M.Sc., State Secretary

Maja Hostnik Kališek graduated from the School of Economics and Business at the University of Ljubljana, and later obtained a master's degree in tax law from the Faculty of Law, at the University of Maribor.

She began her career at the Ministry of Finance, where she spent over ten years working in the Tax and Customs Policy Division. From 2007 to May 2021, she worked at the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia.

Between May 2021 and May 2022, she served as State Secretary at the Ministry of Finance. She then worked at the Directorate for the System of Tax, Customs and Other Public Finance Revenues until the end of February 2023, before returning to the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, where she headed the General Economic Interest Service.

Kristina Šteblaj, M.Sc., State Secretary

Kristina Šteblaj graduated from the Faculty of Economics in Ljubljana and completed her master's degree at the Faculty of Government and European Studies.

After working in the business sector, she took a position at the Ministry of Finance in 1993 where she gained experience primarily in budget-related directorates. At the Ministry of Finance, she served as Acting Director of the Budget Directorate for six months, and as Head of the Budget Division of the Directorate for almost three years.

Between March 2020 and May 2022, she served as State Secretary at the Ministry of Finance, after which she headed Gozdno gospodarstvo Bled d.o.o.

Peter Papež, State Secretary

Peter Papež obtained his master's degree in law from the Faculty of Law at the University of Maribor.

He began his career in 2017 at the Vzajemna insurance company, then joined the Minister's Office at the Ministry of Finance in June 2020, where he served as Deputy Chair of the Slovenian Presidency to the Council of the European Union. Since June 2021, he has been a member of the Expert Council of the Insurance Supervision Agency.

Between January and June 2022, he worked as a strategic planning and legislation expert at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris. After returning to Slovenia, he was employed by the Slovenian Democratic Party Deputy Group (SDS) in the National Assembly.

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