

Milan Kucan

President of Slovenia

Milan Kucan was born in Slovenia in 1941, graduated from the faculty of law at Ljubljana University in 1971, and began his political career that same year with the drafting of constitutional amendments.

In 1978, Mr. Kucan became President of the Slovenian Republic Assembly, and from 1982 to 1986 he represented Slovenia in the Yugoslav Federation. On his return to Ljubljana in 1986, he became President of the League of Communists of Slovenia. In 1990, in the first multi-party elections since 1945, Mr. Kucan became President of the presidency of Slovenia (within the Yugoslav federation), a position he held until the process leading to independence began.

Milan Kucan became the first President of Slovenia in 1992, following Slovenia's independence from Yugoslavia in 1991. He was re-elected in November 1997 for a second five-year term.

Mr. Kucan is married and has two daughters.