

Ambassador (Ret) Victor Jackovich, First US Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, former U.S. Ambassador to Slovenia, USA

Mr. Victor Jackovich is CEO of Jackovich International, a commercial enterprise founded in 2004 in the United States. He served in the U.S. government for 33 years, including 13 years at the rank of Ambassador. In 2014, he was named Chairman of the EUlinked Business Advisory Council for Southeast Europe and Eurasia (BACSEE).

In 2016, he was invited to join the Board of the Vienna Economic Forum (VEF) in Austria and is the only American in this association. He serves on the Boards of the Business Advisory Council for North Africa (Tunisia), the Mediterranean Development Initiative (Washington), the Central and East European University Network (Venice), the Center for European Perspective (Slovenia), and other associations in the United States and internationally.

During the warfare in the Balkans, he opened the U.S. Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina and spent the conflict years there as the first U.S. Ambassador during the Bush and Clinton Administrations. He was U.S. Ambassador to Slovenia in the Bush Administration. He headed the first ever U.S. representation to the independent state of Moldova, was Director of the Department of State's Task Force on the Balkans and led U.S. delegations to international conferences in New York, Geneva and elsewhere. Other key international assignments with the U.S. government included: Moscow, Russia; Kiev, Ukraine; Bucharest, Romania; and, Sofia, Bulgaria.