

Ambassador (Ret.) Victor JACKOVICH

First US Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, former U.S. Ambassador to Slovenia

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Ambassador (Ret.) Victor Jackovich served as the first US Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina (1992–1995) and, subsequently served as Ambassador to Slovenia (1995–1998). He has held further diplomatic posts in Ukraine, Romania, Bulgaria, Russia, Kenya, and he also led the first US representation to the newly independent state of Moldova. Fluent in BCS, Russian, Slovene and other languages, he is a strong advocate for the use of language in diplomacy and business. He holds BA and MA degrees in Russian & East European Studies from Indiana University. Having retired from government service in 2004, he is president of Jackovich International, with offices in Washington, D.C. and Vienna. Among many posts, he serves as Senior Associate for the Center for Strategic and International Studies and, most recently, he became Chairman of the EU-linked Business Advisory Council for Southeast Europe and Eurasia, the first time an American has ever held this position. He is also a member of the newly formed Business Advisory Council for North Africa.