

# Biographies of the Director and Executive Directors of PE “Vojvodinašume”

## Director of PE “Vojvodinašume”

ROLAND KOKAI, Master of Economics

Roland Kokai was born in 1977. After obtaining the qualification of lawyer with a higher vocational degree in 2003, he earned the title of Graduate Lawyer at the University of Business Academy – Faculty of Law in Novi Sad in 2006. He continued his formal education in 2014–2015 at the Faculty of Economics and Engineering Management, where he specialized in financial management, international business, business logistics, and financial risk management, and upon completion of his studies obtained the title of Master of Economics. He began his professional career in 2005 as a civil servant in the Government of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, within the Secretariat for Regional Development, International Cooperation, and Local Self-Government, working on regional cooperation coordination, with a particular focus on applying for and implementing cross-border development projects with various regions of neighboring countries (Croatia, Romania, Hungary, Bosnia and Herzegovina, etc.). His experience, continuous professional development, personal qualities, and ambitions contributed to the steady advancement of his career in the field of management and implementation of cross-border development projects, i.e., project management. Strong communication skills as a project manager, along with daily professional correspondence with various levels and bodies of state administration, cross-border partners, and contractors, resulted in his involvement in other activities related to the work of public authorities. As a representative of the Government of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, he participated in the work of the Republic of Serbia’s negotiating group in the process of European integration, within Chapter 22 – Regional Policy and Coordination of Structural Instruments, as well as in the preparation of the Action Plan under the Development Program of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina for the periods 2014–2017 and 2018–2020. He has served as Director of PE “Vojvodinašume” since 29 July 2019.

## Executive Directors of PE “Vojvodinašume”

Dr MARKO MARINKOVIĆ, PhD, BSc in Forestry Engineering

Executive Director for Forestry, Ecology and Development

Marko Marinković was born in 1985 in Kraljevo, where he completed his primary and secondary education. After graduating from the Kraljevo Forestry High School, he earned his degree from the Faculty of Forestry, University of Belgrade, Department of Forestry, in 2009. He obtained his PhD at the same faculty in 2018, with the doctoral dissertation entitled

“Production Potential of Woody Biomass and Its Impact on Forest Management Objectives.” During his studies, he participated in teaching as a student demonstrator, and in the 2009/2010 academic year he worked as a professional associate at the Department of Forest Economics and Organization, teaching the course Organization and Business Operations in Forestry. In 2010, as one of the top students of his generation, he received an award at the celebration marking 90 years of the Faculty of Forestry, on which occasion he was ceremonially presented with an employment contract with PE “Vojvodinašume”, Petrovaradin. He has been employed at PE “Vojvodinašume” continuously since 2010. From 2010 to 2016, he worked at Forest Estate “Novi Sad”, Novi Sad, in the field of forest management planning, as an Independent Officer for the preparation of forest management bases and plans. From 2016 to 2019, at the same forest estate, he served as Head of the Forest Management Planning Service. Since 2019, he has been working at the Head Office of PE “Vojvodinašume” as Executive Director for Forestry, Ecology and Development. To date, he is the author and co-author of numerous scientific and professional papers, a co-author of one monograph, and has actively participated in multiple national and international professional and scientific conferences. He has worked on several international and national forestry projects. He is a member of the Chamber of Forestry Engineers of Serbia, where, in addition to regular membership, he serves as a member of the Management Board and a delegate to the Chamber Assembly. He is also a member of the Association of Forestry Engineers and Technicians of Serbia, where he likewise serves as a member of the Management Board. He holds a license for performing professional activities in forest management. He speaks English. He is married and the father of three children.

## MILAN SUČEVIĆ, MSc in Forestry Engineering

Executive Director for Forest Utilization, Mechanization, Occupational Safety and Health

Milan Sučević was born on 21 April 1978 in Karlovac, Republic of Croatia. He currently lives in Belgrade. He graduated from the Faculty of Forestry, University of Belgrade in 2002, Department of Forestry, earning the title of Graduate Forestry Engineer. He completed his Master’s studies at the same faculty in 2014 (Department of Forest Utilization), with a grade point average of 10.00, defending a master’s thesis entitled “Efficiency of the Application of the Articulated Unit ‘John Deere 1210E’ in the Transport of Technical Roundwood of Soft Broadleaved Species.” He began his professional career in 2004 at PE “Vojvodinašume”, Forest Estate “Banat” Pančevo. From 2004 to 2006, he worked as a Forest Management and Taxation Officer. From 2006 to 2009, he served as a Forest Silviculture and Protection Officer at Forest Administration Opovo. From 2009 to 2019, he held the position of Head of the Forest Utilization Service at Forest Estate “Banat” Pančevo. As Head of the Forest Utilization Service, he was twice awarded the title of “Best Service Manager”—first at the level of Forest Estate “Banat” Pančevo, and then at the level of the entire PE “Vojvodinašume.” Since August 2019, he has been serving as Executive Director for Forest Utilization, Mechanization, Occupational Safety and Health. He is an active participant in numerous projects, seminars, and conferences in the field of forest utilization. In 2013, he was engaged as an expert consultant on the project “Support to the Development of Planning and Construction of Forest Infrastructure in Serbia.” He holds a license for performing professional activities in forest management. He speaks English, has completed military service, and is the father of three children.

## Dr BRANISLAV STANKOV, PhD, MSc in Forestry Engineering

Executive Director for Hunting, Fisheries and Hospitality

Branislav Stankov was born on 16 March 1969 in Subotica. He graduated from the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, University of Novi Sad, in 1994, and obtained the title of Master of Forestry Engineering at the Faculty of Forestry, University of Belgrade, in 2015. He earned his PhD at the same faculty in 2025, in the field of settlement and reintroduction of red deer, with the doctoral dissertation entitled "Mitigation of the Consequences of Floods on the Red Deer (*Cervus elaphus* L.) Population in the BOSUT FORESTS Hunting Ground." He began gaining professional experience in 1995, working initially as a trainee in the field of hunting tourism, and subsequently as a professional associate in hunting tourism. From 1997, he was employed as Head of the Hunting Tourism Agency "Quattro Cervi," and from 1998 he was assigned to the position of Director of the Tourism and Hospitality Sector. As of 8 October 1999, he was appointed Head of the Business Unit for Hunting and Fishing Tourism at PE "Srbijašume," and in 2001 he became Deputy Director of the company unit "Srbijašume – Lovoturs." Following the establishment of PE "Vojvodinašume" in 2002, he assumed the position of Deputy Director of the company unit "Vojvodinašume – Lovoturs." He was a member of the first term of the Management Board of PE "Vojvodinašume" (2002–2006) and of the third term (2009–2014). As of 1 February 2003, he was appointed Director of the company unit "Vojvodinašume – Lovoturs." From 2014, he served as Assistant Director for Hunting and Fisheries, and since 2018 he has been performing the duties of Executive Director for Hunting, Fisheries and Hospitality. Throughout his professional career, he has carried out tasks in the fields of hunting management, wildlife breeding, hunting tourism, and game management. He is a member of the Hunting Chamber of Serbia and holds a license for performing professional hunting-ground management activities, as well as a license for drafting planning documents in the field of hunting. He speaks several foreign languages. He is married and the father of two children.

## EDITA BRKIĆ, Graduate Lawyer (LLB)

Executive Director for Legal Affairs

Edita Brkić completed secondary education at the Jovan Trajković Economics and Trading High School in Zrenjanin, Legal Track – Administrative Technician. She graduated from the Faculty of Law, University of Novi Sad, in 2002, with a grade point average of 8.66, thereby obtaining the title of Graduate Lawyer (LLB). She completed her traineeship at the Basic Court and the Commercial Court in Novi Sad. She passed the Judicial Examination in Novi Sad on 2 June 2006. On 23 December 2011, she passed the Public Procurement Officer Examination, thereby obtaining a certificate for public procurement officers. She completed second-cycle master academic studies at the Faculty of Management in Sremski Karlovci, in the study program Public Procurement Management, earning the title of Master Manager. She gained professional experience in the judiciary as a trainee (2004–2005) and as an associate in enforcement proceedings (2006). She completed legal practice at a law office in Novi Sad (2008) and worked as a legal officer in a private company (LLC) in Novi Sad (2008–2009). She has been employed at PE "Vojvodinašume," Petrovaradin, since 2009. In April 2009, she was employed at the Head Office as an Independent Legal Affairs Officer. Since 2018, she has worked as a Professional Associate for Legal Affairs at the Head Office, and since 2020 as an Independent Senior Professional Associate for Legal Affairs. In 2025, she was appointed

Executive Director for Legal Affairs of PE "Vojvodinašume." She speaks English. She lives in Novi Sad, is married, and is the mother of three children..

## BORIS BARJAKTAROVIĆ, Graduate Mechanical Engineer

Executive Director for Commercial Affairs and Marketing

Boris Barjaktarović was born in 1971. He is a graduate mechanical engineer by profession. Throughout his long and distinguished professional career, he has worked in numerous institutions and organizations, holding the following positions within competent authorities: – Advisor to the Director – Public Enterprise SPC Vojvodina– Independent Senior Expert Associate for Technology and Investments – Public Enterprise SPC Vojvodina– Director – Public Enterprise SPC Vojvodina – Deputy Prime Minister and Provincial Secretary for Interregional Cooperation – Government of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina– State Secretary – Ministry of Telecommunications and Information Society– Member of the City Council in charge of the Economy – City Council of the City of Novi Sad– Head of the Property and Insurance Department – Public Enterprise "Elektromreža Srbije" – Chief of Staff to the General Director – Public Enterprise "Srbijagas" – Director and Co-owner of the Company – Meding d.o.o.– Organizer of Commercial and Technical Operations – Inel d.o.o.. In addition, Boris Barjaktarović previously participated in the work of governing bodies of companies and organizations as: – Member of the Management Board of Public Enterprise "Srbijagas" – Member of the Management Board of "Naftna industrija Srbije" a.d. – Member of the Management Board of the "Methanol-Acetic Acid Complex" Kikinda– Member of the Management Board of "Panonske termoelektrane–toplane" d.o.o.– Deputy Chairman of the Management Board of the "European Affairs" Fund of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina. He holds an Energy Manager License issued by the Ministry of Mining and Energy. He speaks English. He is married, lives in Novi Sad, father of two children.

## VESNA PLAVŠIĆ, Graduate Economist

Executive Director for Finance

She was born on 7 June 1962 in Sremska Mitrovica. She graduated from the Faculty of Economics in Subotica, University of Novi Sad, earning the title of Graduate Economist. She began gaining professional experience at the Socially Owned Agricultural Enterprise "Boško Palkovljević Pinki" in Sremska Mitrovica, where she worked from 26 July 1990 to 28 February 1991. From 1 March 1991 to 29 April 1992, she was employed at the Social Enterprise for Forest Management, Forest Estate "Sremska Mitrovica," initially as a trainee in the Planning and Analysis Department, and subsequently in the Finance and Accounting Department as Chief Accountant. She was employed at PE "Srbijašume," Forest Estate "Sremska Mitrovica," from 30 April 1992, working as Chief Accountant until 15 November 2001. From 16 November 2001, she served as Head of Accounting at PE "Srbijašume," Forest Estate "Sremska Mitrovica," and following the establishment of PE "Vojvodinašume," she continued her work at PE "Vojvodinašume," Forest Estate "Sremska Mitrovica," in the same position until 3 July 2006. In the period from 4 July 2006 to 30 December 2007, she worked as Head of the Financial and Accounting Affairs Department at PE "Vojvodinašume," Forest Estate "Sremska Mitrovica." From 31 December 2007 to 14 October 2010, she worked as Head of Accounting at the Head

Office of PE "Vojvodinašume." She has been employed as Assistant Director for Finance at PE "Vojvodinašume" since 15 October 2010, and from 15 March 2013 she also performed duties as Assistant Director for Finance, Commercial Affairs and Marketing. As of 1 August 2018, she has been working as Executive Director for Finance, Commercial Affairs and Marketing, and since 1 January 2020 she has been employed as Executive Director for Finance. She lives in Novi Sad, is married, and is the mother of one child..