

Biography of Mrs RENATA Brunskole, Slovenian Red Cross Secretary General

I was born on 25th April 1970 in Novo mesto, where I have attended primary and secondary school as well. I hold a degree in Economics of Economic - Business Faculty of Maribor, with specialisation in business economics.

For 17 years I worked in banking system in various positions from the bank counter to Director of market segment and Branch Manager.

In 2002, I was elected as President of the Local Community Suhor and Vice-President of Slovenian Red Cross Local Branch Metlika.

In the period from 2006 to 2011 I was the Mayoress of the Municipality of Metlika. In the 641 years long history of Metlika and Bela Krajina I was the first Mayoress, chosen by readers of Dolenjski list as the best mayor in 2008.

In 2008 I was elected as parliamentarian to the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia and was acting as the non-professional Mayoress of the Municipality of Metlika at the same time. I was very active in the field of international cooperation with the twinned municipalities, for which the Municipality of Metlika received the European diploma for international cooperation in Strasbourg and an honorary flag of the Council of Europe in 2010. In 2011 I was elected to the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia for a second term and in February 2012 became Vice-President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia.

On 15th December 2014 General Assembly of Slovenian Red Cross appointed me as the Secretary General of the Slovenian Red Cross for a term of next four years.

I am married and mother of two children. With my family we live in Hrast at Suhor in the municipality of Metlika.

I'm not a member of any political party.

For what I stand for?

"Working hand in hand with people« is a guide that accompanies me since birth, therefore the Fundamental principles of the International Movement of the Red Cross and Red Crescent: humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity and universality; feel very close to me. During the cooperation and continuous interaction with wide array of people, I am getting to know their needs, problems, hardships and difficulties. One of the biggest challenges in my role as Secretary General of the Slovenian Red Cross is to connect people and therefore, I will engage with all my knowledge, expertise and experience that I have gained through my management experiences at local and national level, advocating for the implementation of public authorisation of the Slovenian Red Cross, with hard work at headquarter and Local Branches level, as well as on international level, since my ultimate goal is to contribute to the quality of work of the largest humanitarian organization in Slovenia. My life motto is: "If you can help people, help them!"

