

ILLUMINATING CULTURAL HERITAGE: FROM RESEARCH TO PRESERVATION

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Dr. Kolar is Executive Director of CERIC-ERIC, a research infrastructure for characterisation of materials and biomaterials, established by the EC's implementing decision. She has a broad range of expertise, ranging from policy development and implementation, research and innovation to entrepreneurship.

Among others, she was Director-General of Science in Technology at a ministry in Slovenia, chairman of the Board of Slovenian Technology Agency, a member of the Governing Board of the European Institute of Innovation and Technology. She was a member of the High-Level Group of Innovators for a European Innovation Council, that advised the Commission on how to strengthen support for breakthrough, market-creating innovation and of the ERA Council Forum Austria - a high-level expert body advising the Austrian Minister responsible for Science and Research, for which she was awarded a Golden badge of honour for services to the Republic of Austria.

She is currently a Slovenian delegate of European Strategy Forum for Research Infrastructures (ESFRI). She is also chairing the Board of the Slovenian Research Agency.

She has authored/co-authored several expert reports contracted by the European Commission.

Trained as a chemist, she had published more than 60 peer-reviewed papers in the field of preservation of cultural heritage and a European patent.