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Professor Danica Purg is the president of IEDC-Bled School of Management, Slovenia, of CEEMAN (The International Association for Management Development in Dynamic Societies), and Director of the European Leadership Centre at the IEDC-Bled School of Management.

Prof. Purg is professor of leadership and effective management at IEDC. Her special field of interest is looking for inspirations for managers from art and other professions. She authored and co-authored several books and numerous articles on leadership and leadership development issues and is a frequent guest speaker at international conferences.

In 2010 Prof. Purg received the International Educator of the Year Award by the Academy of International Business (AIB) for her outstanding achievements in international business education. The president of the Republic of Slovenia awarded her with the Honorary Order of Freedom for her contribution to management development in Slovenia and Central and Eastern Europe. In January 2015, the Managers' Association of Slovenia conferred upon her the Lifetime Achievement Award in the field of management. In June 2017, she received the Robert L. Dilworth Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Executive Learning. In December 2018, she received the highest French order of merit, the National Order of the Legion of Honour for her dedication and support in strengthening bilateral relations between France and Slovenia, especially in the field of management education.

In 2013, she was nominated chair of the PRME (Principles of Responsible Management Education) Steering Committee, an initiative started by UN Global Compact. In July 2017, the Global UN PRME Forum awarded Prof. Purg for her pioneering work in establishing the UN PRME initiative. From December 2019 till June 2020 Prof. Purg served as the Acting Chair of the PRME Steering Committee, and successfully completed the task to transform PRME.

Prof. Purg was also president of UN Global Compact Slovenia for 11 years and is a member of several international advisory boards at management schools around the world, including University of Stellenbosch Business School, in South Africa, School of Management Zhejiang University, China, and ESSCA School of Management, France. Prof. Purg is a fellow of the International Academy of Management (IAM), Doctor Honoris Causa at several universities around the world, and holds two honorary professorship titles.

After graduating from the Faculty of Political Science in Ljubljana, she completed her PhD at the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade, and extensively studied at Harvard Business School, IMD Lausanne, INSEAD Fontainebleau, Technological University Delft, London University, Sorbonne and Kalamazoo College in Michigan.