



Muhamed Mešić - Council member, Tuzla City Council

Born August 8th, 1984, in Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Completed primary and secondary education in Tuzla, at present studying at the School of Law of the University of Vienna, specializing in International Law and International Relations, with an elective minor in East Asian Studies/Japanese

Fluent in (apart from the Bosnian/Serbian/Croatian mother tongue) English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Norwegian, Swedish, Danish, Romanian, Slovak and Dutch; communication skills in Japanese, Hungarian, Albanian, Basque, Polish, Catalan, Finnish, Galician, Czech, Bulgarian, Macedonian, Russian, Slovene; limited communication skills in Arabic, Scottish-Gaelic, kiSwahili, Estonian, Breton, Hebrew, Bahasa Indonesia, Icelandic, Latvian, Greek and Turkish, and several other languages, emphasizing minority and unofficial or endangered languages

Nominated Youth Ambassador for Europe of the World Youth Peace Summit at the European Youth Peace Summit, Sarajevo, May 2004

Since February 2001, Advisor to the Mayor of Tuzla – at the time youngest single member of a local government body in Europe; running for city councillor as second-in-list at the October 2004 elections

Member of the editing board of the Atlas of the Twentieth Century, the largest post-war educational publishing project in Bosnia-Herzegovina

Project advisor and/or coordinator on several projects, including the Eurocities South-East Europe City Network (headquartered in Nis, Serbia-Montenegro); European Young Leaders Conference Stronger Together (organized by the North Lanarkshire Council, Scotland, UK); Workgroup on the European Charter on Human Rights in Cities (chaired by Venice Municipality, Italy); Direct Election of Mayors project of the Centre for Civil Initiatives (coordinated from Mostar, Bosnia); Coexistence and co-understanding (EU-Youth funded exchange network); various other projects of local and regional importance, experience

First Chairman and Co-founder of the Students' council at our school (Gradjevinska Skola Tuzla), one of the first two in the region, awarded a special project prize by the Danish Democracy Fund (Demokratifonden)

Participant and award-winner of several national and international competitions in computer science, astronomy, math, physics, literature, theatre and music; awarded an Achievements Award (Leistungsstipendium) for results at the University of Vienna and several other awards of local and regional importance (such as Teenager of the year, 2001)

At present, working with the grassroots Tuzla Youth (Mladi Tuzle) Association