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Ms Dermastia has 20 years experience in the areas of innovation, competitiveness policy and strategy, and management in leading public and private institutions. She has served in various capacities including state undersecretary in the Slovenian government and senior advisor to the Turkish government for clustering policy. Ms Dermastia has also served on various international committees and groups on competitiveness, clustering and innovation policies. She is recognised for her extensive advice to governments in developed and developing countries. She also helped build teams of experts and provide managerial guidance on issues related to industrial development and innovation. Beyond this experience Ms Dermastia's profile embodies the triple helix concept with first-hand experience in government, industry and academia. A long time associate to The Competitiveness Institute, she has worked on international assignments for the EU, the World Bank, the OECD and COMESA. Originally trained in biochemistry, Ms. Dermastia has a Masters in Economic Science and obtained executive education at the Harvard Kennedy School.