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In 2010, Mr. Lovrenčič was elected as Director of the European Union Satellite Centre. From 2006 to 2009, he served as the EUSC's Deputy Director.

Mr. Lovrenčič's responsibilities as Director include management of production of GEOINT products (geospatial intelligence) based on satellite imagery for the support of EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy missions and operations; relations with EUSC key stakeholders, the twenty-seven EU Member States; and other activities of the EU Satellite Centre where space and security are involved.

As a career diplomat, Mr. Lovrenčič served, between 2002 and 2006, as Slovenia's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain with non-residential accreditation to the Principality of Andorra and the Republic of Cuba. Prior to this assignment, Mr. Lovrenčič worked as Diplomatic Advisor to Prime Minister dr. Janez Drnovšek (1996-1999) and then as Deputy Director (1999) and Director (2000-2002) of the Slovenian Intelligence and Security Agency. In the latter period, he was also Secretary of Slovenia's National Security Council.

Mr. Lovrenčič received his B.A. *magna cum laude* in International Affairs from l'Université Américaine de Paris, France, and studied in Cairo, Egypt. He obtained his Master's degree in Foreign Service, *with distinction*, from Georgetown University, Washington D.C.. He also did post-graduate studies in the field of international security at John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Mr. Lovrenčič speaks, in addition to his mother tongue Slovenian, also English, French, Spanish, German, and Croatian, and is presently studying Modern Standard Arabic.