

REPUBLIKA SLOVENIJA  
DRŽAVNI ZBOR



# COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY

### **About the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia**

On the basis of the The Slovenian Constitution, the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia began to function after the second democratic elections in 1992.

The most recent parliamentary elections, at which ninety deputies were elected to the National Assembly, were held on 15 October 2000.

The deputies are elected by universal, equal, direct and secret voting.

The deputies are the representatives of all the people and are not bound by any instructions.

The term of a deputy lasts four years. Elections to the National Assembly are called by the President of the Republic.



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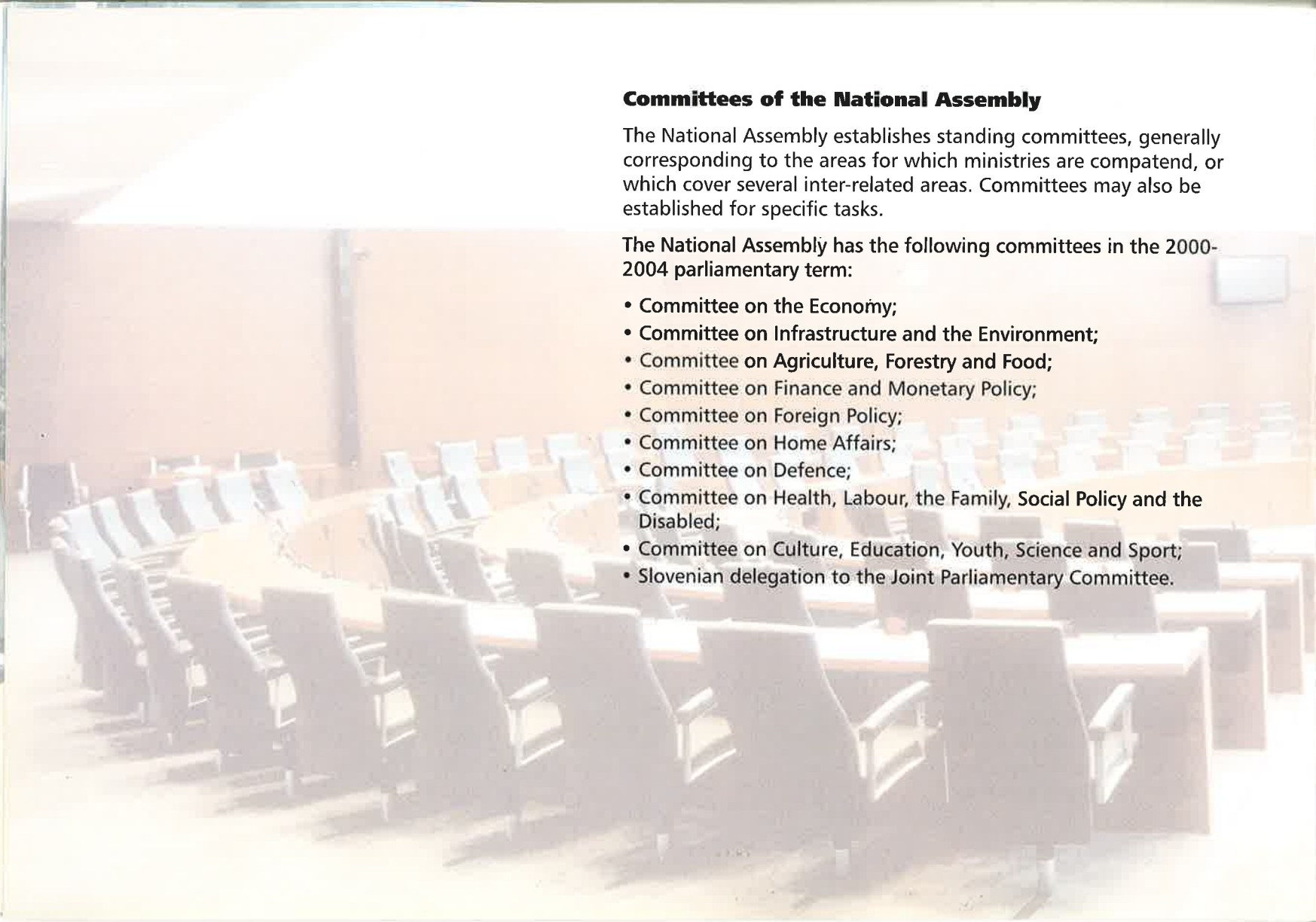
### **Working bodies of the National Assembly**

The National Assembly establishes working bodies to monitor the state of affairs in individual areas, to prepare policy decisions in such areas, to formulate positions on particular issues and to discuss draft laws and other acts of the National Assembly.

A working body is composed by the chairman, usually one deputy chairman and the members. As a general rule, the offices of chairmen and deputy chairmen of a given working body are held by deputies of different deputy groups. If the chairman of a working body belongs to one of the deputy groups of the governing coalition, the office of deputy chairman will normally be held by a member of opposition deputy groups, and vice versa.

The leading positions in the Commission for Budgetary and Other Public Finance Control and in the Commission for Supervision of the Work of the Security and Intelligence Services are held by deputies of opposition deputy groups.





### **Committees of the National Assembly**

The National Assembly establishes standing committees, generally corresponding to the areas for which ministries are competent, or which cover several inter-related areas. Committees may also be established for specific tasks.

The National Assembly has the following committees in the 2000-2004 parliamentary term:

- Committee on the Economy;
- Committee on Infrastructure and the Environment;
- Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Food;
- Committee on Finance and Monetary Policy;
- Committee on Foreign Policy;
- Committee on Home Affairs;
- Committee on Defence;
- Committee on Health, Labour, the Family, Social Policy and the Disabled;
- Committee on Culture, Education, Youth, Science and Sport;
- Slovenian delegation to the Joint Parliamentary Committee.

## **Commissions of the National Assembly**

The National Assembly establishes up commissions to examine specific common issues or to examine individual matters.

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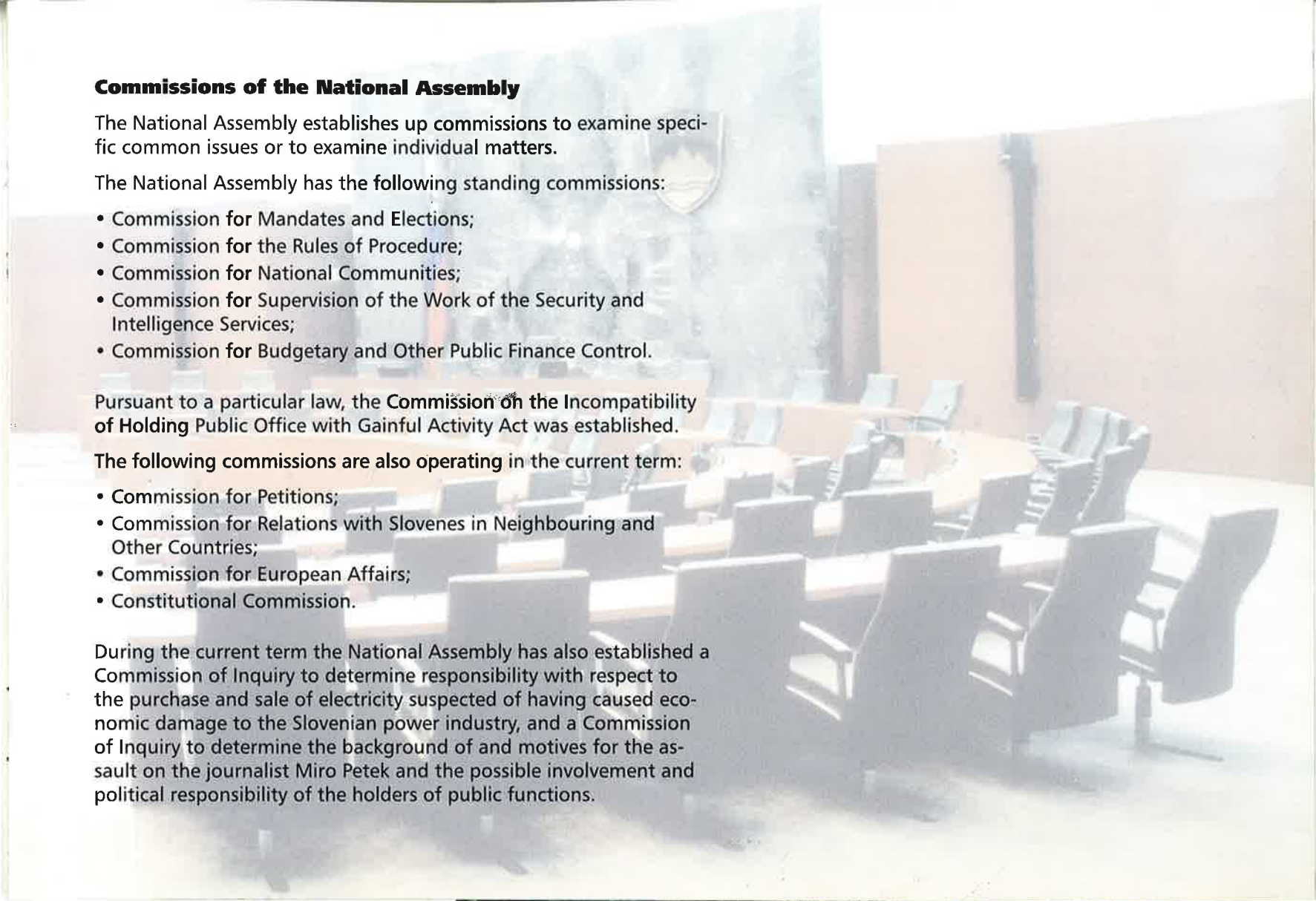
- Commission for Mandates and Elections;
- Commission for the Rules of Procedure;
- Commission for National Communities;
- Commission for Supervision of the Work of the Security and Intelligence Services;
- Commission for Budgetary and Other Public Finance Control.

Pursuant to a particular law, the **Commission on the Incompatibility of Holding Public Office with Gainful Activity Act** was established.

The following commissions are also operating in the current term:

- Commission for Petitions;
- Commission for Relations with Slovenes in Neighbouring and Other Countries;
- Commission for European Affairs;
- Constitutional Commission.

During the current term the National Assembly has also established a Commission of Inquiry to determine responsibility with respect to the purchase and sale of electricity suspected of having caused economic damage to the Slovenian power industry, and a Commission of Inquiry to determine the background of and motives for the assault on the journalist Miro Petek and the possible involvement and political responsibility of the holders of public functions.



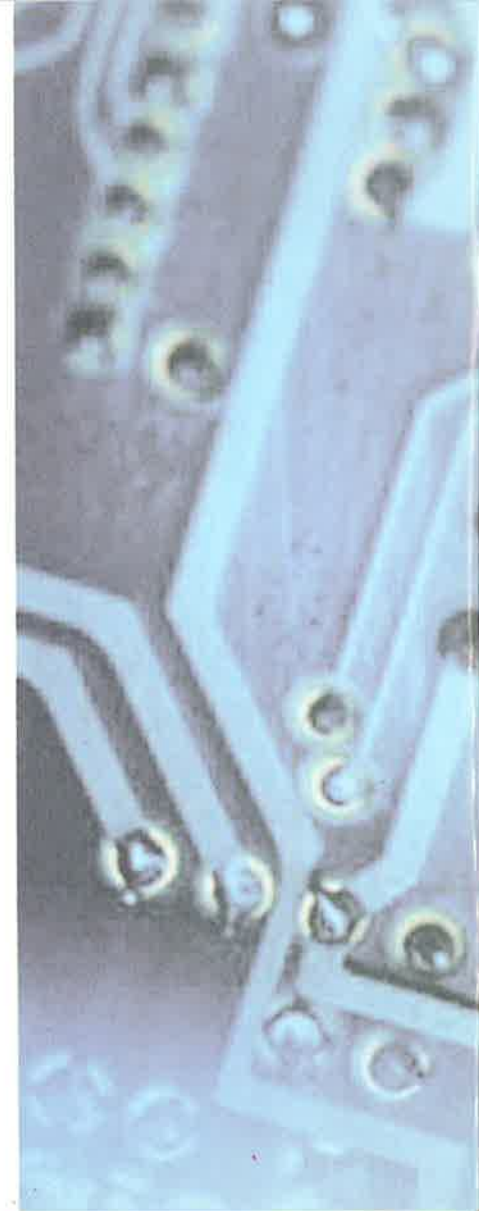


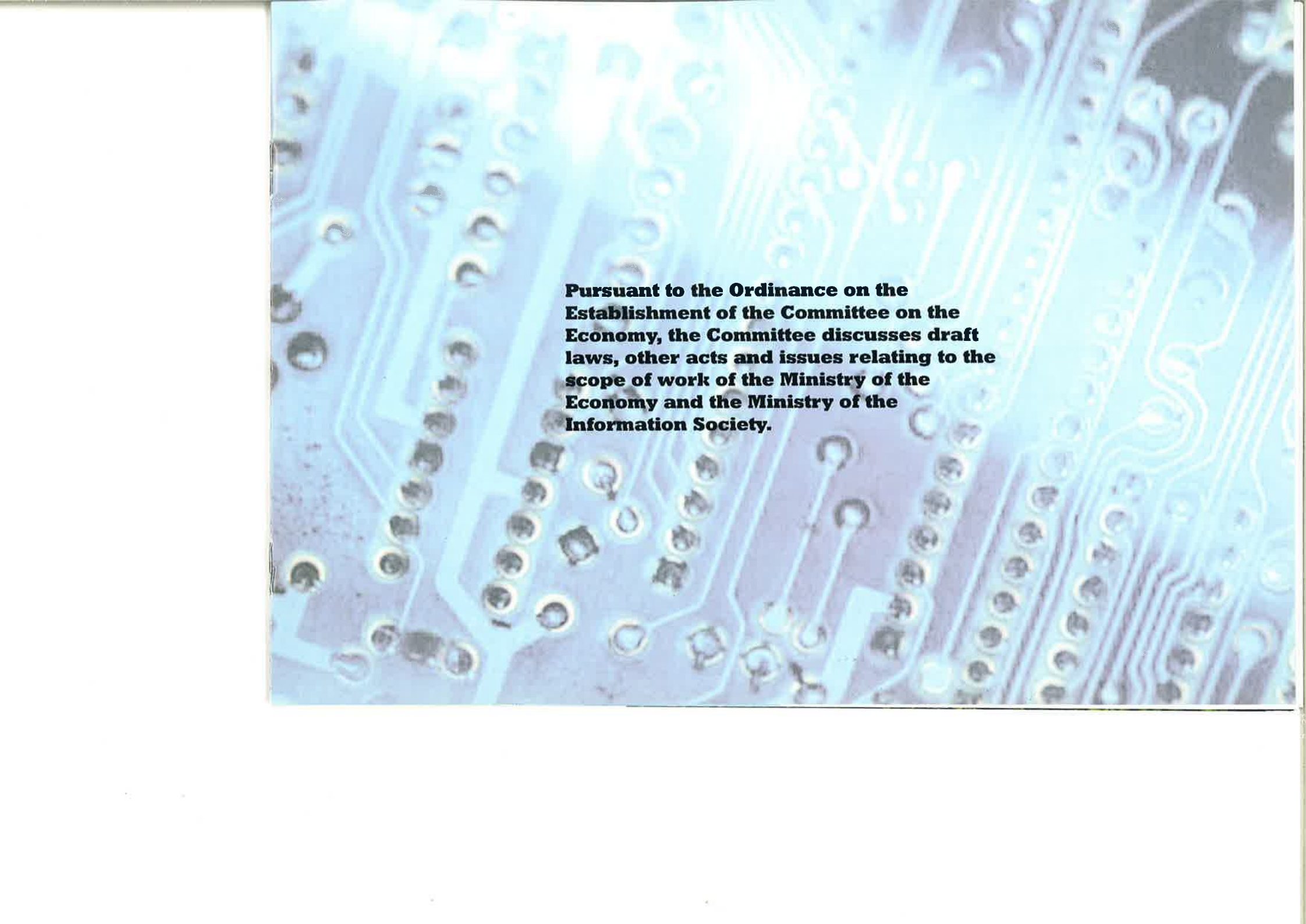
### **Committee on the Economy**

The Committee on the Economy was established by an ordinance adopted by the National Assembly at its session of 21 November 2000. The National Assembly establishes standing committees corresponding to the areas for which the ministries are competent or which cover several inter-related areas.

With regard to the scope of work of the **Ministry of the Economy**, the Committee is responsible for dealing with the following issues:

- the policy of strengthening economic competitiveness, policies providing for a stable macroeconomic environment and economic development and for supporting competitiveness and balanced regional development;
- the promotion of technological development, innovation and entrepreneurship;
- foreign trade policy and international economic relations policy;
- measures in the field of the internal market relating to customs protection of the market (with the exception of agricultural and food products), trade, supplies and commodity reserves, price controls, competition protection and consumer protection.

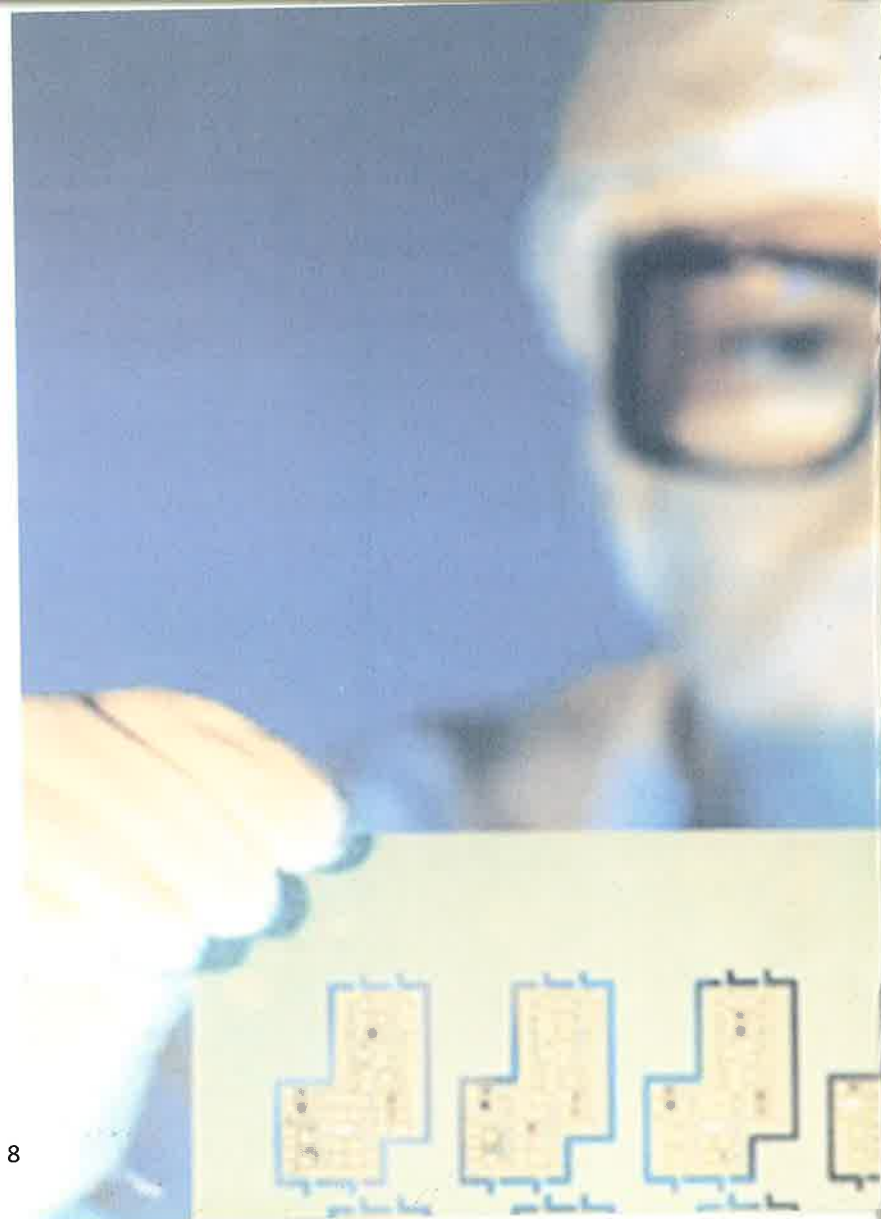




**Pursuant to the Ordinance on the Establishment of the Committee on the Economy, the Committee discusses draft laws, other acts and issues relating to the scope of work of the Ministry of the Economy and the Ministry of the Information Society.**

With regard to the scope of work of the **Ministry of the Information Society**, the Committee is responsible for the following issues:

- the post and telecommunications;
- telecommunication systems and innovations;
- electronic commerce;
- the harmonization of electronic commerce programmes in the public administration;
- informatics and information systems;
- the development of information and communication technology;
- the promotion of the information society and electronic commerce.







The Committee's competences in the field of ownership transformation and privatisation include:

- discussing and monitoring the implementation of legislation concerning ownership transformation and privatisation;
- overseeing and supervising the work of companies, agencies, funds and other legal entities in the field of ownership transformation and privatisation;
- discussing reports drawn up by state authorities on state property privatisation and damages caused to socially-owned property in the process of ownership transformation and privatisation;
- discussing reports drawn up by agencies, funds and other legal entities concerning ownership transformation and privatisation;
- discussing cases of ownership transformation and privatisation;
- discussing, monitoring and supervising the sale of state property;
- proposing measures for speeding up ownership transformation and privatisation processes;
- formulating and discussing opinions, proposals and positions presented by the National Assembly and its working bodies with regard to ownership transformation and privatisation.

Given the broad scope of its powers, the Committee established the following two subcommittees: the **Subcommittee on Tourism**, chaired by Committee Deputy Chairman Valentin Pohorec, and the **Subcommittee on Ownership Transformation and Privatisation**, chaired by Committee Deputy Chairman Blaž Kavčič.

## Composition of the committee



*Feri Horvat, chairman - ZLSD*



*Blaž Kavčič, deputy chairman - LDS*



*Valentin Pohorec, deputy chairman - DeSUS*



*Geza Džuban - LDS*



*Stana Stopar - LDS*



*Branko Janc - LDS*



*Milaň Kopusar - LDS*



*Leopold Kremžar - LDS*



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*Branko Kelemina - SDS*



*Franc Sušnik - SDS*



*Jožef Jerovšek - SDS*



*Janko Veber - ZLSD*



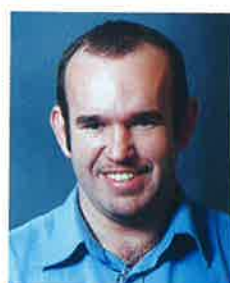
*Stanislav Brenčič - SLS*



*dr. Andrej Bajuk - NSi*



*Sašo Peče - SNS*



*Igor Štemberger - SMS*



*Franc Čebulj - non-attached deputy*

Legend of deputy groups:

- LDS - Liberal Democracy of Slovenia,
- SLS - Slovene People's Party
- SDS - Social Democratic Party,
- ZLSD - United List of Social Democrats,
- NSi - Nova Slovenija,
- DeSUS - Democratic Party of Pensioners of Slovenia,
- SNS - Slovene National Party,
- SMS - Slovene Youth Party



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