

Vucsan Simonovic, Montenegro

Former Chairman of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms of the Parliament

Vucsan Simonovic is one of the most active politicians in Montenegro for the last 25 years. He began his career as a sports journalist and collaborated with several Montenegrian and Yugoslavian radio stations and newspapers like Radio "Titograd", Radio "Beograd", "Politika Ekspres" – Belgared, "Mladost" Belgrade and "Pobjeda" Titograd. In 1985 began his career as a lawyer at the legal department of "Pobjeda" and later as a legal officer at the Technical Faculties and Secretary at the Faculty of Metalurgy, University "Veljko Vlahovic" in Titograd.

Since 1990 is a member of the Municipal Committee of the Union of Communists of Podgorica; since 1992 is a member of the Municipal Committee and Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of Socialists of Montenegro in Podgorica; one of the founders and a member of the Main Board of the Socialist People's Party of Montenegro since its founding on 21 March 1998 and a member of the Executive Board of the Socialist People's Party of Montenegro, at the same year was appointed as a Director of the Socialist People's Party of Montenegro, position that he held until 2003.

Member of the Municipal Assembly of Podgorica in five convocations in the period 1992-2003; between 1992 and 1996 is Vice President of the Municipal Assembly of Podgorica; between 1996 and 1998 is Vice President of the Municipality of Podgorica.

Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro in five convocations, first on behalf of the Democratic Party of Socialists of Montenegro from 1996 to 1997 and after the split of Democratic Party of Socialists, on behalf of the Socialist People's Party of Montenegro in the period 1997-2009. During these years was a member of different working bodies of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro - Chairman of the Committee on Human Rights and Freedoms of the Parliament of the Republic of Montenegro; member of the Constitutional Affairs Committee in three terms; member of the Legislative Committee in four terms; member of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs and Legislation; member of the Committee on Political System, Judiciary and Administration; member of the Committee on Labor, Health and Welfare and President of the Parliamentary Multi-Party Commission of the Parliament of Montenegro for Determination of Facts on Cigarette Smuggling.

Member of the Working Group on Writing the Law on Election of Councilors and Members of Parliament, Law on Voters Sheets, Law on Financing of Political Parties and Law on Public Information in 1997/98; member of the Working Group on Writing the Law on Election of Councilors and Deputies and Law on Voters Sheets in 2001; member of the Working Group on Writing the Law on Election of the President of the

Republic in 2003; member of the Working Group of the Ministry of Justice of Montenegro on writing the Law on Non-Governmental Organizations; member of the Working Group for Writing the Rules of Procedure of the Parliament of Montenegro; member of numerous working groups for legal issues of the Socialist People's Party of Montenegro.

In 1992 is a member of the Republican Election Commission of Montenegro - Federal elections; since 1997 until 1998 is a member of the Judicial Council of Montenegro; since 1999 until 2003 is a President of the Socialist People's Party of Montenegro Members' Club in the Parliament of Montenegro in two terms; member of the Expert Legal Team for Arranging Relations between Montenegro and Serbia and coordinator of the Socialist People's Party of Montenegro for implementation Census in Montenegro in 2011.