



Dear Colleague, *Dear Jürgen,*

As my term as Minister of Finance of the Republic of Slovenia comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all of you for the cooperation, discussions and shared efforts over the past years.

Serving at the ECOFIN table during a period marked by multiple crises, economic uncertainty, geopolitical tensions and major European transitions has been both a demanding and deeply valuable experience. In such moments, one quickly realises that European cooperation is often not built through grand declarations, but through patience, dialogue, trust and the willingness to continue searching for common solutions even when positions differ.

Over the years, I have had the privilege of working alongside colleagues with different political views, economic structures and national priorities, yet united by a shared responsibility for the stability and future of Europe.

I particularly appreciated the open exchanges, constructive discussions and professional relationships developed throughout this period. They have strengthened my belief that Europe moves forward precisely because of its ability to balance different perspectives while preserving unity in moments that matter most.

Equally important to me were the personal relationships and friendships that developed along the way. In a political environment that is often demanding and fast-moving, such genuine collegiality should never be taken for granted. It is a valuable part of what makes our cooperation work, and something I have truly appreciated throughout these years. I sincerely hope that, despite moving on to different roles and responsibilities, we will remain in touch in the years ahead.

The challenges ahead for Europe remain significant — from competitiveness, defence and energy security to demographic pressures, climate transition and sustainable public finances. I am convinced that these challenges will continue to require both fiscal responsibility and political courage.

Mr Jürgen LIGI

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Although I will continue my public service in a different role, I leave the ECOFIN table with great respect for the work all of you carry out, often under considerable pressure and public scrutiny.

I would therefore like to wish you continued success, wisdom and determination in the important work ahead.

Thank you once again for your cooperation, collegiality and friendship over these past years.

Yours sincerely,



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