

**Dear EFES members**

**Slovenia society is facing big problems. But it is very special case.**

Until 1990 Slovenia was "The Switzerland of socialism". The employees freely managed their own private self-governing companies. They decided on the use of the total profit. Self-governing companies were rather similar to cooperatives. Around 80% of all labor force was working in self governing companies.

Political parties, which came to power after the first multi-party elections in 1990, nationalized 1300 self-governing companies, where 382,000 self-managers were employed. On average only 20% of the ownership was left to the employees.

Imagine what could happen if Spanish government would have nationalized Mondragon cooperative and live to the members of successful cooperative group only 20% of property rights.

The class of partitocracy for twenty two years controls the state owned companies and all public sector. Partitocratic class controls majority of large companies. Based on the domination of state capitalism, corruption has become rife.

In 1990 around 50,000 people were unemployed in Slovenia, now there are 124,000 of them. Because hundreds of nationalized companies were destroyed around 100.000 employees have become very young pensionists.

Those nationalized companies, which were taken over and controlled by the employees, are operating very well. According to the research done for period 2006 to 2009 on 203 companies operating in Slovenia the very best are those that are controlled by managers, all employees and pensionists of the companies. Slovenia can become very successful state only if controlling package of capital will be by denationalization returned back to the employees.

How to introduce more direct democracy and economic democracy I explain in my book ["Why Slovenia? The Power of Freedom"](#) that I published at Amazon Corporation. I am asking members of EFES to do what they can to give support to Slovenian politicians that intend to return nationalized companies to the employees.

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