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Mr. Ružić graduated from the University of Belgrade, Political Science Faculty, majoring in International Relations. He was the Student Dean from 1996 to 1999.

From January 2001 to December 2003, Mr. Ružić served as deputy of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia. From 2004 to 2006, he was a deputy of the National Assembly of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro, sitting in the European Integration Committee and serving as a member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg.

In 2008 – 2012 National Assembly convocation, Mr. Ružić was a deputy and the President of Socialist Party of Serbia-*United Serbia* Parliamentary Group. He also served as member of the Permanent Delegation of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe participating as a member of the Political Committee and the Human Rights Committee. Following the elections in May 2012, he was re-elected as deputy of the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia, becoming the President of the Socialist Party of Serbia Parliamentary Group.

From April 2000 to December 2002, Mr. Ružić was the President of the Socialist Party Youth. From March 2001 to December 2002, he was the Party's Spokesperson. In 2001, he was elected Vice-President of the Socialist Party Committee and re-elected on 18 January 2003 at 6<sup>th</sup> Socialist Party Congress. On 3 December 2006 at 7<sup>th</sup> Party Congress, he was elected Chair of the Executive Board of the Socialist Party Committee. He was re-elected at the following Socialist Party congress in 2010. At 10<sup>th</sup> Socialist Party Congress in 2014, he was elected Vice-President of the Socialist Party Committee. He served as a long-time member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, the Committee on Administrative, Budgetary, Mandate and Immunity Issues and the European Integration Committee.

Aside his political engagements, Mr. Ružić was Vice-President of Partizan F.C. from 2009 to 2014.

In 2013, Mr. Ružić joined the Government of the Republic of Serbia as Minister without Portfolio in charge of European Integration. Around that time, the negotiation framework was adopted and the European Union officially opened the negotiations with the Republic of Serbia. He has been serving as Minister of Public Administration and Local Self-Government since 29 June 2017.

Mr. Ružić speaks English. His wife Ana and he have a son named Milutin and a daughter named Elena.