

# EEAS: High Representative Josep Borrell announces senior appointments

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Josep Borrell, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, announced the nomination of **31 Heads of Delegations of the European Union**.

They will be formally appointed following receipt of respective agréments from their host countries:

**Christiane HOHMANN** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **Albania**. She is currently Ambassador of Germany to Estonia and formerly served as German Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**Gabriel VISENTIN** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **Australia**. He is currently Special Envoy of the European Union for the Indo-Pacific. He served previously as Head of the EEAS Division for Parliamentary Affairs.

**Petra PEREYRA** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **Botswana and the Southern African Development Community (SADC)**. She is currently Head of Unit for Communication in the Directorate-General of the European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations of the European Commission. She previously served as Team leader for West Africa in the same Directorate-General.

**Jorge TOLEDO ALBIÑANA** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **China**. He is currently Ambassador of Spain to Japan. He formerly served as Secretary of State for European Affairs in the Spanish Government.

**Francesca DI MAURO** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **Côte d'Ivoire**. She is currently Head of Unit for Western Africa in the International Partnerships Directorate-General within the European Commission. She also served as Head of Unit for Eastern and Central Africa in the same Directorate-General.

**Vesna Bastistic KOS** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to the **Council of Europe** (Strasbourg). She is currently Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations and other international

organisations in Geneva. She previously served as Director-General for multilateral issues in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Croatia.

**Sylvie TABESSE** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **Djibouti and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)**. She is currently Head of the EU Delegation to Haiti and also served as the Head of the EEAS Inspection Division.

**Gianluca GRIPPA** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **Eritrea**. He is currently Adviser to the EEAS Africa Managing Directorate. He also served as Head of the EU Delegation to the Dominican Republic.

**Pawel HERCZYNSKI** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **Georgia**. He is currently EEAS Managing Director for CSDP and Crisis Response and also served as Director for Security and Defense Policy in the EEAS. Prior to that he served as Ambassador of Poland to the Political and Security Committee (PSC).

**Artis BERTULIS** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **Guinea Bissau**. He is currently Ambassador of Latvia to India and Sri Lanka, and also served as Ambassador to Italy, Albania, Malta, San Marino, and as Latvia's Permanent Representative to the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

**Jolita PONS** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **Guinea Conakry**. She has served as Head of the Political section of the EU Delegation to Russia and previously as Head of the Political Affairs, Press and Information section of the EU Office to Hong Kong.

**René VAN NES** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **Guyana, for Suriname, and with responsibility for Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, Saint Barthélemy, Sint Eustatius and Sint Maarten**. He was Head of the EEAS Division Conflict Prevention and Mediation Support, and he also served as Deputy Head of the EEAS Division Integrated Approach – Methodology and Implementation.

**Stefano GATTO** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **Haiti**. He is currently Senior Inspector for Delegations in the EEAS Inspection Division. He also served as Head of the EU Delegation to Guatemala.

**Jean-Eric PAQUET** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **Japan**. He is currently Director-General for Research and Innovation within the European Commission. He formerly served as Deputy

Secretary-General in charge of policy coordination and better regulation within the European Commission.

**Marilyn JOSEFSON** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to the **Kyrgyz Republic**. She is currently Head of the EU Delegation to Tajikistan and previously served as Head of Office of former EEAS Secretary-General Helga Maria Schmid.

**Isabelle DELATTRE** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **Madagascar**. She is currently Head of Unit for Southern Africa, Indian Ocean in the International Partnerships Directorate-General within the European Commission. She also served as Deputy Head of the EEAS Division for Regional Affairs, ASEM and Indo-Pacific.

**Antonino MAGGIORE** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **Mozambique**. He is currently Ambassador of Italy to Zambia, Malawi and the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA). He also served as Head of Division for the OSCE in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy.

**Salvador PINTO DA FRANCA ROUX** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **Niger**. He is currently Head of the Political, Press and Information section of the EU Delegation to Mali. He also served as Deputy Head of Mission, Head of Political section at the Portuguese Embassy in Egypt.

**Riina KIONKA** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **Pakistan**. She is currently Head of the EU Delegation to South Africa. She previously served as Chief Foreign Policy Advisor to the former President of the Council of the European Union Donald Tusk.

**Izabela MATUSZ** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **Panama**. She is currently First Counsellor in the Department of the Americas in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland, and has previously served in the Cabinet of the Polish Minister of Foreign Affairs.

**Jacques FRADIN** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **Papua New Guinea**. He is currently Head of the EEAS Division for Integrated Strategic Planning for CSDP and Stabilisation. Previously, he was Head of the Africa and Europe sections in the EEAS Crisis Management Planning Directorate.

**Roland GALHARAGUE** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **Russia**. He is currently Ambassador of France to Malaysia. He also served as Director responsible for Russia, Ukraine, Caucasus and

Central Asia countries in the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France.

**Belén CALVO UYARRA** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **Rwanda**. She is currently seconded from the EEAS to the Cabinet of the Spanish Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation and is responsible for Africa and Development Cooperation. She also served as Head of the Political, Press and Information section of the EU Delegation to South Africa.

**Jean-Marc PISANI** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **Senegal**. He is currently Head of Division for Horn of Africa, East Africa at the EEAS, and also served as Head of the EEAS Division for Conduct of Operations.

**Sandra KRAMER** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **South Africa**. She is currently Director for Africa in the Directorate-General International Partnerships within the European Commission. She also served as Director for Coordination and Administration in the Cabinet of the former President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker.

**Timo OLKKONEN** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **South Sudan**. He is currently Head of the EU Delegation to Zimbabwe. He also served as Ambassador of Finland to Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi and COMESA.

**Aidan O'HARA** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **Sudan**. He is currently Head of the EU Delegation to Djibouti. He also served as Director of the European Union Division in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ireland.

**Raimundas KAROBLIS** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **Tajikistan**. He is currently Vice minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania. He also served as Minister of Defence of Lithuania.

**Marc FIEDRICH** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **Timor-Leste**. He is currently Acting Director of the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments within the European Commission. Earlier in his career, he was also posted in the EU Delegation to Venezuela.

**Jan SADEK** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **Uganda**. He is currently Head of the EU Delegation to Botswana. He also served as Ambassador of Sweden to Ethiopia and Djibouti, and Special Representative to the African Union and IGAD.

**Jobst VON KIRCHMANN** has been nominated as Head of the EU Delegation to **Zimbabwe**. He is currently Head of the EU Delegation to Ivory Coast, and also served as Head of Unit of Southern Africa, Indian Ocean in the International Partnerships Directorate-General within the European Commission.

The EEAS has also nominated **4 new Deputy Heads of Delegation of the European Union**:

**Raffaella IODICE** has been nominated as Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to **Afghanistan**. She is currently Head of Unit for Asia, Latin America, Caribbean and Pacific in the International Partnerships Directorate-General within the European Commission. She also served as Head of Unit for Middle East and Gulf, Central Asia, South Asia in the same Directorate-General.

**Florence LIOU** has been nominated as Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to **Morocco**. She is currently Deputy Head of the EEAS Division for Rights, Obligations and Medical Cell. She also served as Deputy Head of the EEAS Division for Maghreb.

**Plamena HALACHEVA** has been nominated as Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to **Serbia**. She is currently Policy coordinator in the Citizens, Equality, Democracy and Rule of Law Unit of the Secretariat-General within the European Commission. She also served as Policy and Political Desk for Kosovo in the Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations Directorate-General within the European Commission.

**Sara REZOAGLI** has been nominated as Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to **Thailand**. She is currently First Counsellor, Head of Political Section of the Embassy of Italy in China. She also served as Head of Southeast Asia and Ocean Unit in the Directorate-General for Global Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy.