

CURRICULUM VITAE



Harald Stranzl, Ambassador

National Coordinator EU Alpine and Danube Strategy

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Harald Stranzl assumed his duties as **Director and Head of Department for Foreign Economic relations, Trade Diplomacy and Economic Security in the Federal Foreign Ministry in Vienna** in July 2018. In his current assignment, he is responsible for foreign trade, investment and export promotion as well as International Financial Institutions and EU Regional Strategies. Mr. Stranzl is also the Ministry's Coordinator for the implementation of Austria's Foreign Trade Strategy and for supporting Ukraine's Recovery Process. In his capacity of **National Coordinator for the European Union Danube and Alpine Strategies** he has been appointed **Ambassador** as of July 2021.

Earlier, he was **Coordinator** of the **Directorate-General for Consular Affairs and Business Services** and Deputy Director of the Department for Business Services.

From July 2011 to July 2017 he was **Austria's Ambassador to UNESCO in Paris**. During his assignment in Paris, Mr. Stranzl was **twice elected Vice-President of UNESCO's General Assembly in 2013 and 2015** in his capacity as Austria's Ambassador and Permanent Representative in the Steering Executive Board of the Organisation.

Prior to his assignment in Paris, Mr. Stranzl was **Spokesperson of the Foreign Ministry in Vienna for three years (2008 – 2011)** and Deputy Director of the Press, Information and Communication Department of the Ministry.

Earlier he was Deputy **Director at the Directorate-General for European Union and Economic Policy** of the Federal Ministry, focussing on **European and international trade, financial and budgetary issues**, including as a member of Austria's core negotiating team for the EU financial reform.

From 2000 to 2006 Mr. Stranzl was **Deputy Ambassador of Austria in Slovenia**.

In the years before Mr. Stranzl dealt with **international cooperation in the field of asylum and migration at the Legal and Consular Department** of the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Previous assignments include the service at the **Permanent Representation of Austria to the European Union in Brussels**, dealing with trade, foreign and security policy issues as well as relations with the European Parliament, and at the Department for Education and Training Policy at the **National Defence Academy in Vienna**.

A **career diplomat**, Mr. Stranzl joined the Austrian Foreign Service in 1994.

Mr. Stranzl received his **Ph.D. in Modern History, Social Sciences and Languages** from the University of Graz (Austria). His thesis on French Foreign Policy was done at the **Quay d'Orsay in Paris**.

Mr. Stranzl is married and has two children.