



# Drahoslav Štefánek

## Ambassador

Special Representative on Migration and Refugees of the Council of Europe Secretary General

## Education

2002  
University of Matej Bel, Banská Bystrica: Doctor of Law (JUDr)

1996  
Comenius University, Faculty of Law, Bratislava, Master of Law Degree

1995  
University of Utrecht, Faculty of Law, Netherlands

## Languages

Slovak (native)  
English  
Czech (fluent)  
French (intermediate)  
Bosnian/Serbian/Croatian

## Professional experience

2020: Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for migration and refugees

2017: Head of the Office of the Council of Europe in Sarajevo

2012-2016: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the Council of Europe

2013-2015: Chairman of the Group of Rapporteurs on Human Rights (GR-H), Council of Europe

2015: Co-President of the Council of Europe Exchange on the religious dimension of intercultural dialogue, Sarajevo, 2-3 November

2014: Co-President of the Council of Europe Exchange on the religious dimension of intercultural dialogue, Baku, 1-2 September

2013-2014: Vice-Chairman of the Committee of the Parties to the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings

2012: Director General for International Organisations, Development Assistance and Humanitarian Aid, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovakia

2011-2012: Director General for the EU and Global Issues, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovakia

08-09/2011: Director General for the EU Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovakia

04-07/2011: Director General for the UN, International Organizations and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovakia

2009-2011: Chairman of an Open-ended Working Group of the Human Rights Council on an optional protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child

2009-2011: Director of the Department for General Affairs and relations with EU Institutions Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovakia

2004-2009: Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, Human Rights and Political Affairs

2003: Agent of Slovakia before the International Court of Justice in the Case concerning Gabčíkovo - Nagymaros Project

09/2005: Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations Office and 06/2006: other international Organizations in Geneva

2004: Chairman of the 2nd Regional Meeting of the National Committees on International Humanitarian Law in countries of Central and Eastern Europe, Bratislava

2001-2004: Director of the International Law Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovakia

2002-2004: Chairman of the National Committee of Slovakia on the International Humanitarian Law

1997-2001: Second Secretary and Legal Adviser of the Permanent Mission of Slovakia to the United Nations, New York

2000: Rapporteur of the Sixth (Legal) Committee of the 55th session of the United Nations General Assembly

1997: Legal Assistant and a Member of the Delegation representing Slovakia before the International Court of Justice at the Hague in the Case concerning Gabčíkovo - Nagymaros Project (Hungary/Slovakia)