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**Nationality:**

French

**Academic qualifications:**

- ◆ 1993 | 1994
- ◆ *Institute of Political Sciences – Paris, France*
- ◆ *Civil-service option (history, constitutional and administrative law, economics)*
  
- ◆ 1990 | 1993
- ◆ *École Supérieure des Sciences Économiques et Commerciales (ESSEC) – Cergy-Pontoise, France*
- ◆ *Business school (law, economics, corporate finance)*
  
- ◆ 1989
- ◆ *Baccalauréat (A levels) in mathematics*
- ◆ *Lycée Victor Hugo – Marseille, France*

**Professional experience:**

- ◆ Starting 1 September 2021
- ◆ *Head of Delegation/Ambassador of the European Union to Colombia*
  
- ◆ 08.2019 | 08.2021
- ◆ *Head of Delegation/Chargé d’Affaires a.i., Delegation of the European Union to Syria (based in Beirut, Lebanon)*
  
- ◆ 11.2017 | 07.2019
- ◆ *Head of Syria Conference Team/Policy Adviser, EU External Action Service, Managing Directorate for Middle East and North Africa (EU Headquarters, Brussels, Belgium)*
  
- ◆ 12.2014 | 04.2017
- ◆ *Director-General, École de la deuxième chance de Marseille, a large local NGO comprehensively re-training young adults (800 /year) who dropped out of the school system without qualifications*

<p><b>Professional experience:</b> (cont'd)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 06.2011   11.2014</li> <li>◆ <b><i>Sabbatical: independent travelling (Russia, South America, Antarctica, Middle East), fiction writing, Arabic courses (Alexandria, Egypt), occasional articles and conferences on MENA politics</i></b></li>   <li>◆ 01.2010   05.2011</li> <li>◆ <b><i>Member of the Cabinet (personal office) of Mr. Štefan Füle, European Commissioner for Enlargement and the Neighbourhood Policy, covering relations with North Africa and the reform of the European Neighbourhood Policy (EU Headquarters, Brussels, Belgium)</i></b></li>   <li>◆ 01.2007   12.2009</li> <li>◆ <b><i>Assistant to the Director-General, DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission</i></b></li>   <li>◆ 01.2006   12.2006</li> <li>◆ <b><i>Assistant to the Deputy Director-General, DG External Relations, European Commission</i></b></li>   <li>◆ 01.2005   12.2005</li> <li>◆ <b><i>Desk Officer for Sri Lanka, DG External Relations, European Commission</i></b></li>   <li>◆ 07.2002   08.2004</li> <li>◆ <b><i>Head of Political Section, Delegation of the European Commission to Afghanistan</i></b></li>   <li>◆ 06.2001   06.2002</li> <li>◆ <b><i>Policy officer for Africa-Caribbean-Pacific political issues, DG External Relations</i></b></li>   <li>◆ 03.1995   05.2001</li> <li>◆ <b><i>Member of the European Commission's Forward Studies Unit</i></b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Language skills:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b><i>French</i></b> (mother tongue)</li> <li>➤ <b><i>English, Spanish</i></b> (fluent)</li> <li>➤ <b><i>German, Arabic</i></b> (fair)</li> <li>➤ <b><i>Dutch, Italian, Persian, Portuguese, Russian, Turkish</i></b> (basic or passive understanding)</li> </ul>