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## ■ Cristian DIACONESCU



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Minister of Foreign Affairs

Cristian Diaconescu is a career diplomat and minister of foreign affairs since 22 December 2008. He worked with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1990 to 2004, starting as diplomat at the Permanent Mission of Romania to the OSCE. From 1993 to 1995, he was the coordinator of the Department of Cooperation in the political-military field of OSCE in the MFA; from 1995 to 1996 he worked in Vienna as diplomat at the Permanent Mission of Romania to the International Organizations and deputy head of mission for the political-military and security field of OSCE. He returned to Bucharest in 1996 and worked within the OSCE Directorate of the MFA, becoming Head of Directorate in 1997. In 1998 Cristian Diaconescu became Director General of the Directorate General of Legal and Consular Affairs, MFA. In this capacity, he was Chief Negotiator for treaties and bilateral agreements on border arrangements, protection of minorities and readmission, and in the field of measures to increase confidence and security in Europe. In this period, he headed the Romanian delegations at meetings on the human dimension of the OSCE, the Commission on Human Rights in Geneva, the Danube Commission etc. From May to December 2000 he was Deputy Secretary General of the Organization for Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) and ambassador *en pied* in this organization.

Cristian Diaconescu has a PhD in Law. He graduated in 1983 from the Faculty of Law of the University of Bucharest, and in 1992 he completed the specialized courses of the Conflict Prevention Center, in the field of measures to increase confidence and security in Europe.

He was a lecturer in the Public International Law Department of the "Hyperion" University (1993) and the International Relations and European Studies Department of the "Spiru Haret" University (2004). He also taught courses on the topic of European and Euro-Atlantic security cooperation at the National Defense College (1997). Cristian Diaconescu was IRDI professor teaching scientific lectures and courses, also in the thematic meetings and symposia on human rights in Strasbourg, Geneva, London, etc. (1998-2000). He is Founding Member of The National Defense College.

Cristian Diaconescu held several governmental offices: from December 2000 to January 2004, he was a Secretary of State for Bilateral Affairs in the MFA and Chief Negotiator for the Treaty on the Romanian-Ukrainian state border regime, Basic political Treaty between Romania and the Russian Federation, the Law for Hungarians in the states neighboring Hungary. From January to March 2004, Cristian Diaconescu was Secretary of State for European Affairs in the MFA. From March to December 2004 he was Minister of Justice.

After graduating, Cristian Diaconescu worked as Judge in the Ilfov District (1983-1985), then in the Bucharest Tribunal (1985-1989) and as Inspector in the Ministry of Justice (1989-1990).

In 2004, he was elected Member of Parliament in Constanța constituency, from the Social Democrat Party. In the 2008 elections he was elected in the electoral constituency of Bucharest. His activity in Parliament focused on the fields of defense, public order and national security, as well as foreign policy.

Cristian Diaconescu was born in 1959 and is married.

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