

Matthias Brinkmann

Ambassador Matthias Brinkmann officially took up his duties as Head of Delegation of the European Commission to Canada on 2 October 2009, when he presented his credentials to the Governor-General, Her Excellency Michaëlle Jean, at Government House in Ottawa.

Ambassador Brinkmann comes to Ottawa from Brussels, where he was Head of Unit in the Directorate General for External Relations, responsible for relations with non-EU countries in Western Europe.

Matthias Brinkmann joined the European Commission in 1983, where he has held several positions in DG XII (Science, Research and Development), and since 1990 in DG I (External Relations – now the European External Action Service). From 1987 to 1990 he was seconded to the Danish Ministry of Research. From 1992 to 1996 he served in the European Commission's Office in Stockholm as Head of the Press and Information Section, and later as Chargé d'Affaires.



Before joining the European Commission in Brussels, Matthias Brinkmann worked for a law firm in Hamburg, then for the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva, before becoming a judge at the Administrative Court in Hamburg.

Ambassador Brinkmann has studied law and political science at universities in Göttingen, Freiburg and Strasbourg. His doctorate is in international law. Mr. Brinkmann speaks German, French, English and Swedish. He is married to Madeleine Daumerie and has four children.