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The new Head of Delegation of the European Union takes office

The Chargé d'Affaires, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Lebanon, Ambassador Christina Lassen, took office today.

Ambassador Lassen met with Foreign Minister Gebran Bassil. "I am very happy to be back in Lebanon. I am sure that the European Union and Lebanon will not only continue on the path of excellent partnership but strengthen their relationship based on mutual interests," she said.

Ambassador Lassen, who hails from Denmark, comes to this new post from working as Head of Department for Security Policy and Stabilisation at the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Her responsibilities included NATO policy, Denmark's military engagements, EU's security and defence cooperation, and UN peacebuilding missions. She was previously Head of Department for Public Diplomacy and Communication at the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2013-2014), after being Ambassador of Denmark to Syria and Jordan (2009-2012). She was also Head of Cabinet to the Danish Permanent Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Special Advisor to Danish Prime Minister and First Secretary at the Embassy of Denmark in Washington.

Ambassador Lassen holds a Master in Business and International Relations from the Copenhagen Business School and was a Fellow at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University. She was also a Diplomat in residence at the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs at the American University of Beirut.

Ambassador Lassen is fluent in English and French.