

# Ambassador Roland KOBIA

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## Education:

- Masters degree in "European Political Sciences", College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium.
- Masters degree in "International Nuclear Law", University of Montpellier 1, France.
- PhD Thesis on "EU Competition Law", University of South Africa, Pretoria.
- Law Degree (LL.B), University of Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium.

Professor at: the University of Montpellier 1 (France), the Free University of Brussels (VUB, Belgium), the European Institute of Political Studies (Ghent, Belgium). Frequent speaker at International Conferences on International Relations and Security, Energy, EU Policies. Various publications in international reviews in EU Politics, Energy, Competition, Intellectual Property.

Languages: French, English, Italian (fluent), Dutch and Spanish (fair)

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## **2013 -**

Ambassador of the European Union to Myanmar

## **2009 – 2013**

Ambassador of the European Union to Azerbaijan

## **2006 – 2009**

Personal Diplomatic Advisor to the EU Commissioner for Energy covering all International Relations in Energy, Private Office of the EU Commissioner for Energy.

## **2003 – 2006**

Head of Regional Political Affairs – Covering political analysis, peace processes and conflicts in 12 countries of the Horn of Africa and of the African Great Lakes region.  
EU Delegation of the European Commission, Nairobi, Kenya

## **2000 – 2003**

Deputy Head of EU Delegation.  
Delegation of the European Commission, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo.

## **1998 – 2000**

EU Negotiator for the accession of Eastern and Central European countries to the EU.  
European Commission, Directorate General for Competition, Brussels.

## **1997 – 1998**

EU Negotiator at World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO-OMPI, Geneva)  
European Commission, Directorate General for Internal Market and Financial Affairs, Brussels.

## **1991-1997**

EU Negotiator for the accession of Finland, Sweden and Austria to the EU for Competition issues. Assistant to the State Aid Director.  
European Commission, Directorate General for Competition, Brussels.