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Curriculum Vitae



H.E. David Daly is the Ambassador and Head of the Delegation of the European Union to Sri Lanka. Ambassador David Daly has worked in the external relations side of the EU service for over 22 years and previously served in the Irish Diplomatic service.

He is also the Head of Delegation and Ambassador to the Maldives.

Ambassador David Daly served as the Ambassador and Head of Delegation of the European Union to both Australia and New Zealand from 2009 to 2013.

Previously he was the Acting Director in the European Commission responsible for the accession negotiations of Croatia and Turkey to the European Union and for relations between the EU and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. He was responsible for relations with many countries of the Western Balkans since 2000.

Ambassador David Daly was posted to Budapest (1996-2000) and worked as a textiles trade negotiator for the EU (1991-1996) including serving on a standing disputes settlement and notification panel at the WTO in Geneva (Textiles Monitoring Body). Before that he worked in the Agriculture branch of the European Commission.

In the Irish public service Ambassador David Daly served in the Irish Embassy in New Delhi, India, in the Department of Foreign Affairs, Dublin, and in the Irish Department of Agriculture, Dublin.

Ambassador David Daly has a Masters Degree in Economic Science (European Studies) from Dublin University, Trinity College, Dublin (1987); an Honours degree as Bachelor of Public Administration from University College Dublin (1984), and Graduate Membership of the Institute of Personnel Management, London (1984). He has also followed an Executive Management course in Leadership at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge.

Ambassador David Daly comes from Sligo, Ireland, and his interests include sport, especially Gaelic Football, soccer and AFL, music, reading and travel.

Ambassador Daly is married, with three wonderful children and one wonderful wife!