

**Biography of
Ambassador Alessandro Mariani
Head of Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Mauritius, for the Union of
Comoros and the Republic of Seychelles**

Alessandro Mariani is a member of the European External Action Service of the European Union. He joined the European Union in January 1994 after having worked for six years in the banking sector, including Bank of New York and Deutsche Bank.

He began his career at the European Union as Economic Adviser at the Delegation in The Gambia, and then took the responsibility of Chargé d’Affaires of the same Delegation from December 1995 until the end of his posting in August 1997. Subsequently he was assigned as Economic Adviser at the Delegation in Ghana (1997-2001), where he served as Chargé d’Affaires from October 2000 until the end of his posting in August 2001. In these countries his main responsibilities covered political and diplomatic relations, economic and trade partnerships as well as sector development programs in health and education.

After eight years in West Africa he went back to Brussels as Adviser at the Innovation Unit of the EuropeAid Co-operation Office. He was appointed Coordinator of the Budgetary Aid Group for the development of methodologies which are being applied by the European Commission to finance third countries’ budgets.

At the end of 2002 he was appointed Head of the Economic and Trade Co-operation Unit in the Asia Directorate of the EuropeAid Co-operation Office with special focus on private sector development, linkages between trade and development including trade related technical assistance, co-operation in information technology programs and tertiary education programs.

In March 2005 he was given the responsibility within EuropeAid to manage the newly established unit in charge of the Water and Energy Facilities to promote and finance water and sanitation development projects as well as energy projects open to all African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries.

Following the successful launch of this initiative he was appointed as Ambassador - Head of Delegation of the European Commission to the Republic of Malawi, where he served from October 2005 until August 2009. During this period he worked to consolidate and further improve the relations between Malawi and the European Commission with focus on political and diplomatic relations, trade and economic relations and development co-operation.

In September 2009 he was appointed as Ambassador - Head of Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Mauritius, for the Union of Comoros and the Republic of Seychelles. The EU Delegation in Mauritius is also responsible for the regional development co-operation with the Indian Ocean Commission

Mr. Mariani is a graduate with honours in Business Administration from the University “Luigi Bocconi” in Milan (Italy). He is accompanied by his wife Roberta and their two children, Benedetta and Francesco.