

Erwan Fouéré was appointed EU Special Representative for the **Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia** on 17 October 2005. His mandate, which runs until 31 August 2011, is to contribute to the consolidation of the peaceful political process and the full implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement, thereby facilitating further progress towards European integration through the Stabilisation and Association Process. He also heads the European Commission delegation in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

1. Erwan Fouéré, EU Special Representative for the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia



Mr Erwan Fouéré

Mission statement of Erwan Fouéré

In 2001, the cohesion of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia was threatened by conflict. The EU, together with its international partners, acted early to prevent the crisis from escalating. A European Union Special Representative was appointed to help achieve a peaceful settlement, in the form of the Ohrid Framework Agreement, and to oversee its implementation.

I was appointed on 1 November 2005 as EU Special Representative and at the same time as Head of the Commission Delegation with the role of contributing to improved inter-ethnic relations and lasting stabilisation and of ensuring the smooth transition from post-conflict to pre-EU accession.

My two mandates – as EUSR and Head of the Commission Delegation – are distinct, but complementary. I keep in close and continuous contact with the political players in the country, offering advice and facilitating the political processes. I am currently focusing on fostering a climate of trust and dialogue conducive to implementing the reforms which are necessary to progress towards the EU. I also closely follow inter-ethnic issues and the implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement. While there has been remarkable progress in this regard since 2001, more still needs to be done. As Head of the Commission Delegation, I also monitor the country's progress in meeting the criteria for EU membership and the implementation of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement.

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia has come a long way but a lot remains to be done. The road of EU integration is long and difficult, and a lot of committed work will be needed. In order to meet the challenges,



the political forces will need to unify their efforts. While the outstanding work can be done by the country alone, I will continue to spare no efforts to advise and assist.

Erwan Fouéré's appointment and mandate are set out in Joint Actions [2007/109/CFSP](#), [2006/123/CFSP](#), [2005/724/CFSP](#), [2008/129/CFSP](#), [2009/129/CFSP](#) and [2009/706/CFSP](#) and Council Decisions [2010/156/CFSP](#) and [2010/444/CFSP](#)

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2. Curriculum Vitae

Erwan Fouéré

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and

**Ambassador, Head of European Commission Delegation
in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

date of birth:5 June 1946

Nationality:Irish

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Civil Law, University College, Dublin, 1967

Bachelor of Laws, University College, Dublin, 1968

Diploma in European Studies, Institut Européen des Hautes Etudes Internationales,
Nice University, 1969

Post graduate Research Assistant at the Max Kohnstamm Institute for European studies,
Brussels 1970 – 1972

Language fluency: Fluent in English, French, Spanish

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (within the European Commission)



November 2005

Appointed as European Union Special Representative and Ambassador, Head of Delegation in former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

March 2002

Appointed as Head of Delegation in Slovenia

February 1998

Appointed as Head of OSCE Section in Directorate General for External Relations in Brussels (Responsibility for Council of Europe added, November 2000)

January 1994

Appointed as the first Head of Delegation in South Africa

April 1989

Appointed as the first Head of Delegation in Mexico and Cuba

August 1984

Appointed Deputy Head of Delegation at the Delegation of the EC for Latin America with headquarters in Caracas, Venezuela

1983

Guest Scholar at The Brookings Institution in Washington

1979 – 1983

Directorate General for the Environment:

With responsibility for negotiations on international environment conventions

1975 – 1979

Directorate General for External Relations:

East European countries and Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe

1973 – 1975

As above with responsibility for: Relations with EFTA countries

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