

Miroslav Lajčák was appointed EU Special Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina on 18 June 2007. His mandate, which runs until 28 February 2009, is based on the policy objectives of the EU in BiH. These centre on continued progress in the implementation of the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in accordance with the Office of the High Representative's Mission Implementation Plan, and the Stabilisation and Association Process, aiming at a stable, viable, peaceful and multi-ethnic BiH, cooperating peacefully with its neighbours and irreversibly on track towards EU membership.

1. Miroslav Lajčák, EU Special Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina



Mr Miroslav Lajčák

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On 26 January 2009, Miroslav Lajčák was appointed Foreign Minister of Slovakia. Everything is being done to ensure a seamless hand-over until the new EUSR/HR is appointed. Until then, Mr. Lajčák will remain engaged in Bosnia and Herzegovina as far as possible.

Mission statement of Miroslav Lajčák

As the European Union's Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina, I am working to build self-sustaining peace and stability by helping the country to move beyond peace implementation towards European integration. I wear two hats as I am both the EU Special Representative and the High Representative of the international community with a mandate to oversee implementation of the Dayton Peace Agreement, the 1995 accord ending close to four years of war in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Since the end of the war, the European Union and its Member States have made a huge and ever-growing investment in Bosnia and Herzegovina's reconstruction. The European Union has a substantial presence in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This includes the Delegation of the European Commission that is assisting Bosnia and Herzegovina's reconstruction and democratic transformation, including by negotiating a Stabilisation and Association Agreement; the military EUFOR Althea mission, which has been contributing to safety and security in Bosnia and Herzegovina since 2004; the EU Police Mission, which seeks to establish a sustainable, professional and multi-ethnic police service, in particular with regard to the fight against organised crime, and police reform; and the EU Monitoring Mission, which gathers information on political and security developments as well as border monitoring, inter-ethnic issues and refugee returns. Above all, the European Union has given Bosnia and Herzegovina a clear perspective of eventual EU membership.

As EUSR, I promote overall political coordination and provide EU missions with local political advice and guidance. I also help take forward, together with local stakeholders and the United States, the process of constitutional reform that will be an important element in Bosnia and Herzegovina's political agenda in the coming years. Constitutional reform is vital to meet the requirements of European integration, and to establish a functioning and effective state that can better serve its citizens.

Miroslav Lajčák's appointment and mandate are set out in Council Decision [2007/427/CFSP](#) and Joint Actions [2007/87/CFSP](#) and [2008/130/CFSP](#)

[EUFOR-Althea BiH](#) and [EU Police Mission BiH](#)

- ▶ [Press conference by HR Miroslav LAJČÁK following the Peace Implementation Council \(PIC\) meeting, Brussels, 26-27 February 2008](#)
- ▶ [Address on behalf of EU High Representative Javier SOLANA by EU Special Representative and HR Miroslav LAJČÁK, at the EUFOR Change of Command Ceremony, Sarajevo, 4 December 2007](#)
- ▶ [EU HR Javier SOLANA met Miroslav LAJČÁK, EU Special Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brussels, 10 September 2007](#)

2. Curriculum Vitae

Miroslav Lajčák
EU Special Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: 20 March, 1963, Poprad, Slovakia

NATIONALITY: Slovak

EDUCATION

Comenius University Bratislava, Faculty of Law

State Institute of International Relations, Faculty of International Relations (Moscow)

College of International and Security Studies, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, Garmisch – Partenkirchen

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2005-2007 Director-General for Political Affairs - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bratislava
Dec 2005

– May 2006 Personal Representative of EU High Representative for CFSP to facilitate the Montenegrin dialogue

2001 – 2005 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Slovak Republic to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (later Serbia and Montenegro), Republic of Albania and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

1998 – 2001 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava
Director of the Cabinet of the Minister

1994 – 1998 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Slovak Republic to Japan

1993 – 1994 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava
Director of Cabinet of the Minister

Counsellor, Embassy of Slovakia, Athens

Director of the Cabinet of the Prime Minister of Slovakia

1991 – 1993 Embassy of Czechoslovakia, Moscow, 3. Secretary
(from 1 January 1993 Embassy of Slovakia)

1988 – 1991 Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Czechoslovakia, Prague