

Pieter Feith was appointed European Union Special Representative in **Kosovo** on 4 February 2008. His current mandate, which runs until 30 April 2011, includes the tasks of offering the EU's advice and support in the political process and of promoting overall EU political coordination in Kosovo, thereby implementing the policy objectives of the EU in Kosovo. This includes the aim of developing a stable, viable, peaceful democratic and multi-ethnic Kosovo. Mr Feith is also "doubled-hatted" as the International Civilian Representative.

1. Pieter Feith, EU Special Representative in Kosovo



Mr Pieter Feith

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Mission Statement - International Support for a European future

The objective of the EU in Kosovo is to support and assist the Kosovo authorities in developing a stable, viable, peaceful and multi-ethnic society in Kosovo, cooperating peacefully with its neighbours. These aims are high and I believe they are rightly so. The EU will offer a multifaceted approach in assisting Kosovo's security and development. We will make use of all our political, financial and security mechanisms in a unified and coherent manner with the aim of reaching this objective. My tasks will be to assist the political process and to promote coordination of all these efforts, including by providing local political guidance to the EU Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo. I believe that the future of Kosovo is of immense importance to the European Union and in my role as EU Special Representative in Kosovo I will tirelessly assist the local authorities by offering the EU's advice and support.

My aim is a Kosovo that is committed to the rule of law and to the protection of minorities and of cultural heritage. I want to contribute to the consolidation of respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms in Kosovo. Furthermore, I think there is an urgent need to address the socio-economic situation and I intend to do my part to contribute to the wider activity aimed at the creation of a viable economy.

The European Council has affirmed that the future of the Western Balkans lies within the European Union and it is clear that the Stabilisation and Association Process (SAP) is the strategic framework for the EU's policy towards the Western Balkan region. The EU has also

reiterated that its instruments also apply to Kosovo, including a European partnership, political and technical dialogue under the SAP Tracking Mechanism, and related Community assistance programmes. For Kosovo the road towards European integration will be long and difficult, but it is a road of hope. The first steps of European integration will go through the unreserved respect of all communities and commitment to all European values, such as freedom, democracy and multi-ethnicity.

My team and I will be there to assist and support but we will not be doing the job of the government. It is for all the people of Kosovo and their elected leaders to assume leadership and push through the necessary reforms.

Mr Pieter Feith's appointment and mandate are set out in Council Joint Actions [2008/123/CFSP](#) and [2009/137/CFSP](#) and Council Decisions [2010/118/CFSP](#), [2010/446/CFSP](#) and [2011/119/CFSP](#)

Council Joint Action [2009/605/CFSP](#) of 7 August 2009 amending Joint Action [2009/137/CFSP](#) extending the mandate of the European Union Special Representative in Kosovo

[European Union rule of law mission in Kosovo \(EULEX KOSOVO\)](#)

2. Press releases

- ▶ EU HR Javier SOLANA welcomes the appointment of Pieter FEITH as EU Special Representative in Kosovo, 16 February 2008 [en](#) [alb](#) [srb](#)

3. Curriculum Vitae

Pieter Feith **EU Special Representative in Kosovo**

Place and date of birth: Rotterdam, 9 February 1945

Nationality: Dutch

Education

M.A. of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Medford, Mass., US (1970)

Licencié in Political Science, University of Lausanne, Switzerland (1968)

Language fluency: English, French, German and Dutch

Professional experience

2007



Civilian Operations Commander for all civilian ESDP Crisis Management Operations

Acting Director of the EU Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability

2005 - 2006

Head of the EU-led Aceh Monitoring Mission (AMM) in Indonesia

2005

Head of EU Expert Team for Iraq

2004

Personal Representative of the EU High Representative, Javier Solana, for Sudan/Darfur

2001 - until present

General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union

Deputy Director General for Politico-Military Affairs

1995 - 2001

North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)

Personal Representative of Secretary General Lord Robertson for Yugoslavia

Director of the Crisis Management and Operations Directorate

Head of the NATO Balkans Task Force

Political Advisor to Commander IFOR Bosnia-Herzegovina

1970 - 1995

The Netherlands Diplomatic Service

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5. Factsheets/Articles

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- ▷ EUSR in KOSOVO, February 2008 [en](#) [fr](#) [alb](#) [srb](#)

■ Articles

- ▷ "We stay until Kosovo joins EU" - Interview by Ž. Jevtić to EUSR for Kosovo Pieter Feith, published by Blic on 12 March 2008 [en](#) [srb](#)