

**Valentin Inzko** was appointed EU Special Representative in **Bosnia and Herzegovina** on 11 March 2009. His mandate, which runs until 31 August 2011, 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. On 13 March 2009, Valentin Inzko was also appointed High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina by the Steering Board of the Peace Implementation Council.

## 1. Valentin Inzko, EU Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Mr Valentin Inzko

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### **Mission statement of Valentin Inzko**

As the European Union's Special Representative (EUSR) I am responsible for ensuring the full coordination of all EU bodies in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH)– in the political, economic, security and social fields – so that they have the maximum positive impact on the country's efforts to develop a prosperous and sustainable democracy and integrate fully in the broader community of Europe.

One of my tasks is to develop the Office of the EUSR in such a way that it will have the political and administrative capacity it needs to offer BiH sustained and effective support after the envisaged closure of the Office of the High Representative (OHR).

I am seeking to ensure that the European integration process and the prospect of eventual EU membership drive forward a reform agenda that can boost BiH's prosperity, security and democratic maturity. This involves playing a constructive role in helping BiH representatives

modernise the constitution to make it more efficient and bring it into line with European democratic and human-rights norms.

As part of the overall effort to enhance the security of BiH and EU citizens I am extending practical and political assistance to the BiH authorities in the fight against organised crime, and I will take whatever steps are necessary so that the EU Military Operation and the EU Police Mission are able to make an optimal contribution in this field.

Together with the Head of the European Commission Delegation I am working to ensure that EU aid under the Instrument of Pre-Accession Assistance programme is disbursed in ways that help improve BiH's political, business and social environment.

These EUSR priorities are consistent with and complementary to my mandate as High Representative for BiH. In this capacity I am giving the highest priority to helping the BiH authorities meet the necessary reform agenda set by the Peace Implementation Council (referred to as the "5+2" formula). These objectives and conditions are a prerequisite for a transition from the OHR to an reinforced office of the EUSR. These reforms will also make it possible for the people of BiH to view this envisaged closure with absolute confidence that their interests and aspirations are not going to be placed in jeopardy by negative political developments.

One of my most important priorities, as EUSR and as High Representative, is to reverse the culture of political brinkmanship and irresponsible rhetoric that has seriously impaired BiH's progress towards Europe and eroded the considerable progress that had been made in increasing the security and prosperity of the country's citizens. I will address this problem with dispatch, with firmness and with necessary vigour, using the authority that the European Union and the International Community have vested in my functions.

Valentin Inzko's appointment and mandate are set out in Joint Action [2009/181/CSFP](#) and Council Decisions [2010/111/CFSP](#) and [2010/442/CFSP](#)

[EU Military Operation in Bosnia and Herzegovina \(EUFOR-Althea\)](#)

[European Union Police Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)

- ▶ [High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Catherine Ashton and EU Enlargement Commissioner, Olli Rehn, on the extension of the mandate for international judges and prosecutors in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brussels, 14 December 2009](#)
- ▶ [Interview to EUSR for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Valentin Inzko, published in EU Council website, August 2009](#)
- ▶ [Javier Solana, EU High Representative for the CFSP, welcomes the appointment of Valentin Inzko as EU Special Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brussels, 13 March 2009](#)

## 2. Curriculum Vitae

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**Valentin Inzko**  
**EU Special Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina**

### **Personal data**

Born in 1949 in Klagenfurt

Married to Bernarda Fink, two children

### **Education**

Studies of Law (Doctoral Degree), Serbo-Croatian and Russian in Graz

Degree of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna

Languages: German and Slovene, Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, English, French, Russian, Czech, Spanish

### **Appointments**

*Since March 2009*

EU Special Representative in Bosnia Herzegovina

*2005- 2009*

Austrian Ambassador to the Republic of Slovenia

*Autumn 2002*

Observer of the Montenegrin Parliamentary Elections

*2000 - 2004*

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Head of Eastern and South East European Department and COWEB delegate

*1996 -1999*

First post-war Ambassador of Austria to Bosnia Herzegovina., honorary citizen of Sarajevo

*Autumn 1992*

Founding Head of the OSCE Observer Mission in Novi Pazar, Sandzhak, Serbia

*1991 -1995*

Founding Director of the Austrian Cultural Institute, Prague

*1989 - 1990*

Ministry of Foreign Affairs Vienna, Deputy Head of Press and Information Department

*1986 -1989*

Austrian Mission to the UN, New York, 1st and 5th Committee, Deputy Chairman of the Disarmament Commission

*1982 -1986*

Austrian Embassy Belgrade, Serbia - Press Department

*1981 -1982*

Ministry of Foreign Affairs Vienna, Eastern and South East European Department, including Yugoslavia

*1978 -1980*

UNDP Office Colombo, Sri Lanka

*1974 - 1978*

UN OP Office Ulan Bator, Mongolia

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