EU Special Representatives

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The EUSRs support the work of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (HR), in the regions concerned. They play an important role in the development of a stronger and more effective EU Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and in the Union's efforts to become a more effective, more coherent and more capable actor on the world stage. They provide the EU with an active political presence in key countries and regions, acting as a “voice” and “face” for the EU and its policies.

The EUSRs cover the following: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Central Asia, Horn of Africa, Human Rights, Kosovo, Middle East Peace Process, Sahel and South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia.

EUSR in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mr Johann Sattler has taken up the duties of EU Special Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina on the 1st of September 2019. His mandate is based on the following policy objectives of the Union in BiH: continued progress in the Stabilisation and Association Process, with the aim of a stable, viable, peaceful and multiethnic and united BiH, cooperating peacefully with its neighbours and irreversibly on track towards membership of the Union. The Union will also continue to support the implementation of the General Framework Agreement for Peace (GFAP) in BiH.

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EUSR for Central Asia

Mr Peter Burian was appointed EUSR for Central Asia on 15 April 2015. His appointment shows the EU's continued cooperation with Central Asia, ensuring strong presence in our engagement on key issues of mutual interest including the rule of law, security, energy, water, education and human rights.
EUSR for the Horn of Africa

Mr Alexander Rondos was appointed European Union Special Representative for the Horn of Africa on 1 January 2012. The mandate of the EUSR shall be based on the policy objectives of the European Union in relation to the Horn of Africa to contribute actively to regional and international efforts to achieve lasting peace, security and development in the region. The EUSR shall furthermore aim to enhance the quality, intensity and impact of the EU’s multifaceted engagement in the Horn of Africa.

EUSR for Human Rights

Mr. Eamon Gilmore is the EU Special Representative for Human Rights, replacing Mr. Stavros Lambrinidis, the first EU Special Representative appointed in 2012. Mr Gilmore took up his duties on 1 March 2019 and has been appointed initially for two years.

The tasks of the Special Representative for Human Rights are to enhance the effectiveness and visibility of EU human rights policy. The Special Representative has a broad, flexible mandate, which provides the possibility of adapting to evolving geopolitical circumstances. The Special Representative will work closely with the European External Action Service, which will provide full support to his work.

As former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ireland, Eamon Gilmore had government responsibility for the implementation of the Good Friday Agreement, including its core human rights provisions. Since October 2015, he has been the High Representative’s Special Envoy for the Colombian Peace Process. His work and contribution to the peace process were greatly appreciated by all sides.

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EUSR for Kosovo

Ms Nataliya Apostolova was appointed European Union Special Representative for Kosovo on 4 August 2016. In order to achieve the policy objectives, the mandate includes the task of offering the EU’s advice and support in the political process and promote overall Union political coordination in Kosovo.

EUSR for the Middle East Peace Process

Since 18 September 2018 Susanna Terstal has been the EU Special Representative for the Middle East Peace Process. The tasks of the Special Representative are to contribute to actions and initiatives leading to a final settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict based on a two-state solution. She will actively support and contribute to peace negotiations between the parties.
EUSR for the Sahel

Mr Angel LOSADA was appointed as the EUSR for the Sahel on 1 November 2015. He will lead the EU's contribution to regional and international efforts for lasting peace, security and development in the Sahel. He will also coordinate the EU's comprehensive approach to the regional crisis, on the basis of the EU Strategy for Security and Development in the Sahel.

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EUSR for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia

Mr Toivo Klaar was appointed EUSR for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia on 13 November 2017. His mandate is based on the policy objectives of the Union for the South Caucasus in accordance with the existing mechanisms, including the OSCE and its Minsk Group, to prevent conflicts in the region, to contribute to a peaceful settlement of conflicts in the region, including the crisis in Georgia and the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, by promoting the return of refugees and internally displaced persons and through other appropriate means, and to support the implementation of such a settlement in accordance with the principles of international law; to engage constructively with the main interested actors regarding the region; to encourage and support further cooperation between Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, and, as appropriate, their neighbouring countries; and to enhance the Union's effectiveness and visibility in the region.

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