



## **HELGA MARIA SCHMID**

Born December 8, 1960

### **Education**

- MA in English and Romance languages, literature, history and politics (1980 - 1987) from Munich University (Ludwig Maximilians Universität) and Sorbonne, Paris.

### **Career**

- Secretary General, European External Action Service, 2016 – present
- Deputy Secretary General for Political Affairs, European External Action Service, 2011 – 2016
- Director of the Policy Planning and Early Warning Unit (Policy Unit) of the High Representative for the CFSP in the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, Brussels, 2006 – 2010
- Head of the Political Staff of the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin and Head of the Minister's Office, 2003 – 2005
- Deputy Head of the Political Staff of the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin and Deputy Head of the Minister's Office, 2000 – 2003
- Political Adviser to Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer, 1998 – 2000
- Political Adviser to Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel, 1994 – 1998
- Press and Public Affairs officer, German Embassy, Washington, 1991 – 1994
- Assistant Private Secretary to the Minister for European Affairs, 1990 – 1991
- Diplomatic Academy, international and European law, economics, international relations, 1988 – 1990

### **Languages**

English, French, German (mother tongue)