

Matei Hoffmann new Senior Deputy High Representative

Ambassador Matei Hoffmann arrives in Sarajevo today to take up his duties as the new Senior Deputy High Representative in BiH. Hoffmann has left Prizren where he had served as Head of the German Federal Government's Civilian Coordination Office for Kosovo. He replaces Hanns Schumacher who has recently been appointed Deputy Chief of Mission of the German UN Mission in New York.

Hoffmann, who holds a doctorate in law, can look back on close to 20 years of experience in the German Foreign Service. Assignments abroad included Washington, Porto Alegre, Paris and – as Deputy Chief Mission – Rome. In Bonn he has served – inter alia – as Personal Assistant to the State Secretary of the German Foreign Office and as Head of the Office of former Chancellor Helmut Kohl in the Federal Chancellery.

Dr. Matei Hoffmann Curriculum Vitae

Born 19 October 1951 in Bucharest

Married to Dr. Roswitha Hoffmann, two children

Attended school in Bucharest, Frankfurt am Main, Los Angeles and Chicago.

Read law and political science in Marburg and Geneva.

First State Law Examination 1975, doctoral studies scholarship from the

German National Scholarship Foundation, research work at the Pontifica

Universidade Católica in Rio de Janeiro (1976/77). Ph.D. 1979 (Marburg, m.c.l.). Second State Law Examination 1979.

Professional Career

1975/76 and 1979/1980 Academic assistant in the Institute of Comparative Law, Anglo-American and General Departments, Marburg University

1980 Entered the German Foreign Service

1982 Completed Foreign Service training

1982/85 German Embassy Washington, Personal Assistant to the Ambassador and Political Affairs officer

1985/86 German Consulate-General Porto Alegre, Brazil

1986/89 Foreign Office, Central Directorate-General

1989/91 Personal Assistant to the State Secretary

1991/93 German Embassy Paris, Head of the Press and Public Relations Section

1993/94 Federal Chancellery, Head of Division, European Affairs and Bilateral Relations, Western Europe, Turkey and WEU

1994/96 Head of the Chancellor's Office, Federal Chancellery

1 August 1996 German Embassy Rome, Minister-Counsellor

3 September 1998 – 31 December 1998 German Embassy Rome, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim

Since June 1999 Head of the Civilian Coordination Office for Kosovo of the German Federal Government