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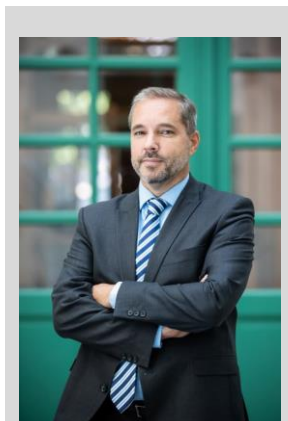
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Nationality: Hungarian



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2024–	Professor of Practice, Head of the International Organisations Research Group, Ludovika University of Public Service, Faculty of Public Governance and International Studies, Department of European Studies
2022–2024	Deputy State Secretary for European Policy (European Director), Ministry of Justice and later Ministry of European Union Affairs
2021–2022	Director, Deputy of the European Policy Advisor (Sherpa) of the Prime Minister, Government Office of the Prime Minister
2018–2021	Senior EU Advisor, Cabinet Office of the Prime Minister
2015–2018	Ambassador, Senior EU Advisor to the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia, Skopje
2013–2015	Deputy Head of Minister's Cabinet, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2007–2013	Minister Plenipotentiary, Antici Diplomat, Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU, including during the Hungarian EU-Presidency in the first half of 2011
2006–2007	Director for EU Coordination, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2005–2006	Director for EU Coordination, Office for European Affairs
2002–2004	Head of Unit and later Deputy Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
1999–2002	EU Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including during the EU Accession Negotiations

EDUCATION

1998	University of Aix-Marseille III (Université Paul Cézanne), France
1997	Tilburg University (Katholieke Universiteit Brabant), The Netherlands
1992-1998	Budapest University of Economic Sciences, Faculty of Economics, Master of Science in Economics (MSc)

STUDIES AND DEGREES

1998–2007	Corvinus University Budapest, Doctoral School, Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.), Theoretical Economics
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OTHER ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2011	Golden Cross of the of the Hungarian Cross of Merit
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2007	„European Hungary” award of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2005	Award of the State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
2002–2024	Guest lecturer at Ludovika University of Public Service (Faculty of Public Governance and International Studies), Corvinus University Budapest (Faculty for International Relations) and Pázmány Péter Catholic University (Faculty of Law and Political Sciences)
2002-2007	Lecturer at seminars in various Western Balkan countries, organised by different institutions, foundations, Governments and the European Commission on various issues, including the “lessons learned” from the EU Accession of Hungary

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Hungarian	Mother tongue
English	Proficient
German	Proficient
French	Intermediate
Italian	Intermediate
Dutch	Basic

