

Lazar COMANESCU

Secretary General Ambassador

Ambassador Lazăr COMĂNESCU (born in 1949), is a graduate and PhD of the Bucharest University of Economic Studies (BUES). He also graduated the Sorbonne course of “Langue et civilisation françaises contemporaines”. From 1972 to 1982, he worked in the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, then lectured at BUES until early 1990 when he resumed his diplomatic career and successively served as: deputy head of the Mission of Romania to the European Community (May 1990-Nov 1994); director general(Dec 1994-Dec 1995) and Secretary of State for European and Euro-Atlantic affairs in the MFA(Dec 1995 -Feb 1998); Ambassador to NATO (March 1998-May 2001); Ambassador to the EU(May 2001-April 2008); Minister of Foreign Affairs (April-December 2008); Ambassador to Germany (May2009-Feb 2015); Diplomatic Adviser to the President of Romania(Feb-Nov 2015); again Minister of Foreign Affairs (Nov 2015-Jan 2017). From Feb. 2017 to June 2021 Amb COMĂNESCU was Senior Adviser (foreign relations) with the Romanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Since July 1 2021 he has been BSEC Secretary General. Elected initially for a three years term, his mandate was renewed for another three years until July 2027.

