



Gazmend Turdiu

Mr. Turdiu entered the Foreign Service of the Republic of Albania in May 1992 and held several positions, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and abroad.

At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Turdiu held the positions of Director of the Directorate for Euro Atlantic Cooperation (1998-2000), Director of the Directorate of Europe (2003), Director General for Legal and Consular Affairs (2008-2009), Director for Regional Affairs and Neighbouring Countries (2019-2021).

Mr. Turdiu served as Director of the Directorate for the Security Council (24 March 2021 – 21 July 2022) during the preparatory work and the first phase of Albania's tenure as non-permanent member of the Security Council of the UN.

From 2001 to 2002, he was Director General for Coordination of Foreign Economic Assistance at the Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Trade.

Mr. Turdiu was Ambassador of Albania in Bern, Switzerland (1992-1997), Ambassador of Albania in Berlin, Germany (2003-2008), and Deputy Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council, in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (2013-2019).

From 2009-2013 and then 2022-2023, Mr. Turdiu served twice as Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During his 32 years of active service, Mr. Turdiu has been Albanian Governor at the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (2009), Chief negotiator in the process of Schengen visa liberalisation for Albanian citizens (2009-2010), President of the 10th Meeting of the States Parties to the Ottawa Convention (2010-2011) and member of the Council of Foundation of the Geneva Centre for Humanitarian Demining (2010 to 2013).

Mr. Turdiu holds a Civil Engineering Degree from the University of Tirana. He was born on 6 April 1959; he speaks English and Italian.

Mr. Turdiu is married and has two children.