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New Czech Permanent Representative to the European Union

The Council of the European Union has been informed of the appointment by the Czech Government of Mr Martin POVEJŠIL as Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the European Union.

Mr POVEJŠIL took up his duties on 3 September 2012.

(*Curriculum vitae* attached).

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Curriculum Vitae



Martin Povejšil

Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the European Union

Czech Ambassador to the EU

Ambassador Martin Povejšil took up the post of the Czech Permanent Representative to the EU on 3 September 2012. Prior to that, he served as the Czech Ambassador to NATO since August 2009.

Ambassador Povejšil was born in 1961. He graduated from the Palacký University in Olomouc with a doctorate in modern philology and linguistics.

He joined the then Czechoslovak foreign service shortly after political changes in his country in 1990. Throughout his career, Ambassador Povejšil has held a variety of senior posts in the Czechoslovak and Czech Ministries of Foreign Affairs as well as in diplomatic missions abroad. His professional portfolio has comprised development issues and bilateral relations as well as European and security affairs and multilateral diplomacy.

Ambassador Povejšil is married and has three daughters and a son. He speaks English, Spanish, German, Russian and French.

1981-87	Philosophical Faculty, Palacký University Olomouc, Modern Philology (English, Spanish)
1987-89	Translator and interpreter
1990-91	Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Czechoslovakia, Latin American Department
1991-92	Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Czechoslovakia, Head of the Latin American Department
1991-92	Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Czechoslovakia, Director General, Division Asia, Africa and Latin America
1993	Ambassador with Special Mission to promote Czech candidacy to non-permanent membership in the Security Council of the UN

1993-94	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Director General, Division Asia, Africa and Latin America
1994-98	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic to Chile
1998-2000	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Director General, Division Europe
2000	Advisor to the State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Chief Negotiator of the Accession of the Czech Republic to the EU
2000-2004	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic to Spain and Andorra
2004-2005	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Director General – Europe
2005-2009	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Political Director
2009-2012	Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Czech Republic to NATO
since IX/2012	Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the European Union, Czech Ambassador to the EU

Languages: English, Spanish, German, Russian, French

