

Lazăr Comănescu

Date and Birth Place 04/06/1949- Horezu/Ursani, Valcea Department, Romania

Professional Experience

1972–1981	Junior Diplomat - Ministry of Foreign Affairs(MFA), Department of International Economic Organizations
1982–1990	Lecturer-professor - Regional / international economic organisations Economic University (ASE) -Bucarest
June1990–Nov 1994	Counsellor, Minister-counsellor- Mission of Romania to the European Union(EU)
Dec 1994– Dec 1995	Director general (European affairs)- MFA
Dec 1995–March 1998	State Secretary for European and Euro-Atlantic Affairs and International Organizations- MFA
March 1998–May 2001	Ambassador*, Head of the Mission of Romania to NATO
May 2001–April 2005	Ambassador, Head of the Romanian Mission to the EU and Deputy Chief accession negotiator
April 2005- April 2008	Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Romania to the EU
April 2005- Dec 2008	Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania
May 2009- Feb 2015	Ambassador of Romania to Germany
Feb 2015–Nov 2015	Foreign Policy Adviser to the President of Romania

* Note: Holder of the diplomatic ranking of Ambassador since 1998

Nov 2015–Jan 2017 Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania

Since Feb 2017 Senior Adviser(foreign relations) to the President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania

HIGHER EDUCATION

1968–1972 Faculty of International Economic Relations- ASE Bucharest

1973 Course of Contemporary French Language and Civilization,
Sorbonne University

1983 PhD in International Economics - ASE Bucharest

Associations/Think-thanks- - Member of the Scientific Board of the European Institute of Romania
- Member of the Scientific Board of the New Strategy Center- Bucharest

Other Activities - author(coauthor) of academic/ research works such as: World Economy(Bucharest, 1995); The EU and Romania :Acesion and Beyond(Belfast, 2006); The World of Tomorrowl What follows after the Pandemic(Bucharest, 2020); author of articles/interviews in the Romanian and foreign media

Foreign languages - English and French(C2 level),
- German(B2) ,Spanish(B1), Russian(A1)

Distinctions and Awards

- Order of Loyal Service with Great Cross- Romania, 2007
- Virgil Madgearu Golden Medal(Doctor Honoris Causa)- ASE Bucharest, 2017
- Order of Merit with Great Cross(Grosses Verdienstkreuz) –Germany, 2015
- Legion d’Honneur au Grade d’Officier- France, 2018