

# Maroš ŠEFČOVIČ

## **Personal details**

- Slovak
- Born July 24, 1966 in Bratislava, Slovakia
- Married
- 3 children

## **Current duties**

- Since October 2009: Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth

## **Political career**

- Since October 2009: Member of the European Commission

## **Professional career**

- August 1990 – July 1991 Advisor to the First Deputy Foreign Minister, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Prague, Czech Republic;
- August 1991 – November 1992 Third Secretary and Consul , Czechoslovak Embassy, Harare, Zimbabwe;
- December 1992 – July 1995 Deputy Chef of Mission, Czechoslovak Embassy, Ottawa, Canada;
- August 1995 – September 1996: Deputy Director of the Department of the EU and NATO countries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bratislava, Slovakia;
- October 1996 – May 1997: Deputy Director of the Office of the Foreign Minister, MFA, Bratislava, Slovakia;
- June 1997 – July 1997: Director of the Office of the Foreign Minister, MFA, Bratislava, Slovakia;
- August 1997 – November 1998: Deputy Head of Mission of the Slovak Republic to the European Communities, Brussels;
- December 1998 – January 2002: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Tel Aviv, Israel;
- February 2002 – July 2003: Political Director, MFA, Bratislava, Slovakia;
- August 2003 – October 2004: Director General, Section of European Affairs, MFA, Slovakia, Bratislava
- November 2004 – September 2009: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary. Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the EU, Brussels
- 1 October 2009: Member of the European Commission, Brussels

## **Other activities**

- 2000: Publication "European Law" – selected chapters
- 2001: Chatam Sofer Medal award for promotion of Slovak-Israeli relations

## **Education**

- 1996 – 2000: Postgraduate studies in the international/European law at the Comenius University (PhD.), Faculty of Law, Bratislava, Slovakia;
- 1991: Stanford University, Hoover Institution, Stanford, USA;

- 1990: Graduated in Law, Comenius University, Faculty of Law, Bratislava, Slovakia;
- 1985 – 1990: Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Russia;
- 1984 – 1985: Economic University, Bratislava, Slovakia;

### **Languages**

- Slovak: mother tongue
- English, French and Russian: thorough knowledge
- German: basic knowledge