

Willy Kempel

Austrian Ambassador to the State of Qatar



Nationality & personal details

Austrian, born 13th May 1961, Vienna, Austria, male, divorced, one daughter born in 2008

Languages

Fluent in German, English and French, advanced knowledge of Spanish

Education

Degree in Law, University of Vienna, (doctor iuris), 23 November 1983, commercial and language studies. Postgraduate diploma of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna (specialising in security and environmental policies), 11 June 1985. Studies in the USA and Norway.

Other activities

Senior lecturer Danube University, Krems, and Sigmund Freud University, Vienna: EU policies and legislation, negotiating tactics and strategies in various contexts (from local to international). Oil painting, acting, writing, lecturing, sports.

Professional Career

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| 1985 | Legal Adviser, Family Court Vienna |
| 1986 | Austrian Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs: Protocol and Eastern Europe Directorates |
| 1987 | Austrian Embassy Kinshasa (DRC): Stage (security and development policies regarding nine Central African countries) |
| 1987-91 | Austrian Permanent Mission to the United Nations and Specialised Organisations, Geneva (First Secretary): environmental and security policy including Austrian representative to the Conference on Disarmament, UN-GA and UNDC; biological/chemical and nuclear weapons, protection of the ozone layer, climate change, hazardous waste, delegate to UNCED and OECD, legal adviser to UNEP; various publications |
| 1991-94 | Austrian Embassy Tel Aviv (Counsellor and alternate to the Ambassador): bilateral relations with Israel (political relations, security policy, holocaust, anti-Semitism, press, culture), bilateral relations with Palestinian administration (political relations, development and cultural projects), and multilateral Middle East Peace Process (Head of delegation/delegate to five working groups on water, environment, refugees, economic issues and security) |
| 1994-97 | Austrian Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs (Counsellor and Deputy Head of the Middle East Directorate): bilateral and multilateral relations with the region, Austrian representative in EU-Council Working Groups, Barcelona Process |

- 1997-99 Austrian Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs (Counsellor, Deputy Head of the Directorate for Arms Control and Disarmament as well as of the Austrian Permanent Mission to the IAEA and the CTBTO): biological, chemical and nuclear weapons, Austrian representative to meetings in the context of the UN-GA, CTBTO, IAEA, NPT; security policy at large
- 1999-2003 Permanent Representation of Austria to the European Union (Minister): Head of the Political Department coordinating all aspects of the EU external action including CFSP, ESDP and community instruments; alternate representative to the Political and Security Committee and to the Permanent Representative; Austrian representative to the Council Working Groups RELEX, Civil Crisis Management Committee, terrorism clearing house, EU Satellite Centre, EU International Institute for Strategic Studies, sanctions committees, ESDP committees; participation in all meetings of PSC, COREPER II, and GAERC.
- 2003-2004 European Commission (national detached expert): General Directorate RELEX, Directorate B, Unit B-2 regarding UN-SC, peace and security, liaison with other Commission services on crisis management and conflict prevention, UN-GA (First and Fourth Committee), terrorism, arms control and disarmament, drugs and crimes (ODC), IAEA, desk-to-desk dialogue with the UN, UN specialized agencies (UNEP), UN reform/UN High Level Panel
- 2005 European Commission (national detached expert): General Directorate RELEX, Directorate C, Unit for US and Canada Relations (Unit C-1): Enlargement, Eastern Europe, OSCE, European Neighbourhood Policy, Western Balkans, development cooperation, drugs policy, Africa, human rights and democracy, international organisations (in particular UN, OSCE), humanitarian assistance and projects
- 2006-2007 European Commission (national detached expert): General Directorate RELEX, Directorate for Japan, Korea, East Asia, Australia and New Zealand (Unit C-2): relations with Japan (regulatory reform dialogue, trade, political meetings), East Asia region
- 2007-2010 Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU, Head of Office of the Ministry of the Interior (overall policy coordination, external relations in justice and home affairs, police cooperation, Schengen cooperation, asylum, migration, anti-terrorism policies, EUROPOL, civil protection, civil crisis management, critical infrastructure, future of Europe)
- April 2010 - March 2011 Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs (minister) senior adviser implementation of the Lisbon Treaty, and post Fukushima policies
- April 2011- July 2012 Deputy Head of Directorate COREPER I affairs and economic relations with EU-27; business service for enterprises in the EU area, Post-Fukushima policies
- August 2012 until Sept. 2016 Head of Directorate III.5 (COREPER I Affairs regarding EU Single Market including Digital Single Market and Defence Single Market, Open Technology and Innovation, EU Security Research
- 15 Sept 2106 until today Ambassador, Austrian Embassy Doha, Qatar until today