

## **Dr. Michael Reiterer**

### **Present function:**

2012- **Senior Advisor, Asia and Pacific Department, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels:** Advising the Managing Director on strategic matters, maritime disputes, the security situation in Asia and the EU's response; consultations with the US and Russia on Asia; representing the EEAS in various seminars and conferences of think tanks and civil society.

### **Previous assignments:**

2007-2011: **Ambassador of the European Union to Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein:** representing the interests of the EU in one of the largest economic partners of the Union, participating in large sectors of the Single Market; pursuing the EU's policies in all areas, ensuring bilateral relations notably in the political, economic, commercial fields through high level contacts with all political and economic stakeholders; intensive public diplomacy with media and civil society. Setting up and enlarging the new EU Delegation since 2007.

2002-2007: **Minister, Deputy Head of the Delegation of the European Commission to Japan;** Tokyo: representing together with the HOD the European Commission in Japan, reporting on political, economic and social developments in Japan including regional developments; special focus on office and personnel management and planning.

1998-2002: **Counsellor-ASEM** (Asia-Europe Meeting), European Commission, Directorate-General External Relations; Brussels, Belgium. Head of a small team; management, development and coordination of the political, economic and cultural pillars of ASEM with EU Member States and ten Asian partners; coordination of Commission's participation in the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) and the South Asian Association for Regional Coordination (SAARC).

1997-98: **Minister-Counsellor**, head of the industrial and commercial affairs section of the Permanent Representation of Austria to the EU/Brussels, at the same time **Counsellor** of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) of the EU.

1995-1998: **Co-Chair (trade)** of the OECD – Joint Session of Trade and Environment Experts; since 1992 participant in the session..

1992-97: **Deputy Director General**, Department for European Integration and Trade Policy, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, Vienna: management of the department of 30 persons, co-ordination of integration policy, participation in the Austrian EU decision-making process; trade policy analysis especially with regard to WTO, new trade policy issues and future EU enlargement; **WTO-panellist** (USA/Canada split run editions, 1994).

1990 to 1992, **Counsellor**, economic affairs, at the Austrian Permanent Mission to the GATT, Geneva, negotiator (Services, TRIPS, Preshipment Inspection-PSI, Rules of Origin) during the GATT-Uruguay Round.

Previous assignments include **Austrian Deputy Trade Commissioner to Japan** (Tokyo) 1985-1989 and to **Western Africa** (Abidjan, Côte d' Ivoire) 1982-1985; **research assistant at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees** (UNHCR), Geneva (1981).

### **Educational/academic background:**

University of Innsbruck: **Doctor juris** (1978); **Adjunct professor** for international politics (2005, Dozent – venia docendi, University of Innsbruck).

**Diplomas in international relations:** Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, Bologna Center (1979) Italy; Diplôme de Hautes Etudes Internationales, Institut universitaire de Hautes Etudes Internationales (Graduate Institute for International Studies), Geneva (1985) Switzerland; participant in the 1981 session of the Research Centre of the Academy of International Law, The Hague.

### **Personal data:**

Born Sept. 29, 1954 in Innsbruck (Austria)

Austrian national

Married, one daughter