

# Bálint Ódor

Ambassador, Permanent  
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European Union

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Bálint Ódor became the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Hungary to the EU on September 1, 2022. Before this role, he spent over two years as a representative to the Political and Security Committee (PSC).

Mr. Ódor's career began as an Analyst at the Department of Strategic Planning at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2000. From 2002 until 2004, he worked on the European Convention and the IGCs addressing the draft Constitutional Treaty at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Subsequently, he became Head of the EU Department in the Office for Foreign Relations at the Hungarian National Assembly.

From 2010 to 2014, Mr. Ódor was Deputy State Secretary for European Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, playing a crucial role in Hungary's first Presidency of the Council of the European Union in 2011. He then began his diplomatic career as Ambassador to Canada from 2014 to 2020. During his tenure, trade between Hungary and Canada significantly increased, and the Vice Consulate of Hungary in Vancouver was established.

Mr. Ódor holds a Ph.D. in International Relations from Corvinus University in Budapest, where his dissertation focused on decision-making under the double majority system introduced by the Lisbon Treaty. Additionally, he earned a Dipl. Rerum Politicarum from the University of Fribourg in Switzerland. His scholarly pursuits extend beyond academia, as he has co-authored 3 books reflecting his keen interest in topics related to EU integration, international diplomacy, and bilateral relations. He is fluent in English and French.