

Secretary General: Petr Blížkovský

Petr Blížkovský was appointed Secretary-General of the European Committee of the Regions on 7 October 2019, for a period of five years.

Over a career spanning nearly three decades in various public roles, Petr Blížkovský has been a member of a city council and a university lecturer, and served in a number of positions in the Czech and European civil services. He was also a young elected politician during the Velvet Revolution.



He worked on the Czech Republic's process of accession to the EU, and more recently led the Council of the European Union's directorate for agricultural policy and social affairs. He has a masters degree in agriculture, and obtained a PhD in Economics and Management from Brno's Mendel University.

Petr Blížkovský was born in 1963 in Brno. He is married and has five children.

Public career

2004 - 2019

Council of the European Union

- Director for Agriculture (Special Committee on Agriculture) and Social Policy
- Director for Rural Development, Agricultural Structures, Forests, Phytosanitary, Food Safety
- Director for Economic and Regional Affairs

1999 - 2004

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

- Director of the EU Department
- Head of the Section for Agriculture, Trade and Environment of the Mission of the Czech Republic to the EU

1992 - 1998

Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic

- Deputy Head of Cabinet to the Deputy Prime Minister
- Secretary to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Agriculture

1994 - 1997

Member of the Executive Board, State Environmental Fund of the Czech Republic

1990 - 1991

Elected Member of Brno City Council (400 000 population)

Academic career

Since 2017

Guest Professor, European Studies, Vrije University, Brussels

Since 2014

Associate Professor, Faculty of Regional Development and International Studies, Mendel University, Brno

1987 - 1992

Researcher and Lecturer, Mendel University, Brno