

# Vladimir Drobnjak

*Chief Negotiator for Accession Negotiations with the European Union  
and Deputy Head of State Delegation*



## Personal Information

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Date of birth 5 March 1956 in Zagreb

## Educational Background

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1980 JD University of Zagreb,  
School of Law of the University of Zagreb, Croatia

## Work Experience

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- January 2005 - Chief Negotiator for the negotiations on the accession of Croatia to the European Union
- April 2005 - Chair of the Stabilisation and Association Committee  
July 2006
- July 2003 - Permanent Representative of the Republic of Croatia to the United Nations, New York  
February 2005
- December 2000 - Head of the Mission of the Republic of Croatia to the European Communities, Brussels  
June 2003
- February 2002 - Chairman of the Third Working Table of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe;  
December 2003 Chairman of the WT III Sub-table for Defence and Security
- 2000-2001 Member of the Negotiating Team of the Republic of Croatia for the Stabilization and Association Agreement with the European Union
- 1999-2000 National Coordinator for the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe
- 1997-2000 Assistant Minister in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Head of the Division for Multilateral Affairs, Zagreb
- 1995 Promoted to the rank of Ambassador
- 1992-1997 Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Croatia to the United Nations, New York
- 1988-1992 USA and UN correspondent, based in New York, for Croatian dailies *Vjesnik* and *Večernji list*, and for Croatian Radio and TV
- 1986-1988 Editor in Chief of the Sunday *Vjesnik*
- 1980-1986 Journalist for *Vjesnik*

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## Miscellaneous

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- 2006 - European Strategy Forum - member
- 2005 - Senior Review Group for the Preparation of the Reform of the Stability Pact - member
- 2005 Chairman of the tenth meeting of the States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, New York
- 2003 Chairman of the Consultative Group (NATO, EU, OESS and Stability Pact) for the preparation of the Ohrid Regional Conference on Border Security and Management
- 2002-2003 Chairman of the Stability Pact Third Working Table meetings - 6<sup>th</sup> meeting in Bucharest 2002, 7<sup>th</sup> meeting in Cavtat 2003
- 2002-2003 Special Envoy for the preparation of the application of Croatia for EU membership
- 2002-2003 Chairman of the Regional Steering Group for Small Arms and Light Weapons
- 2001 Co-chairman of the Working Table on Security Issues of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe (1 Jan - 30 Jun)
- 2000 Co-chairman of the Coordinative Meeting on RACVIAC (Regional Arms Control Verification and Implementation Assistance Centre), Berlin
- 2000 Chairman of the Third Regional Meeting of Stability Pact National Coordinators, Zagreb
- 2000 Chairman of the First Expert Level Meeting on the Adriatic-Ionian Highway, Dubrovnik
- 2000 Co-chairman of the First Working Table of the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative, Ancona, Italy
- 1999 Chairman of the Second Regional Conference on Landmines, Zagreb
- 1998-2000 Head of Delegation of the Republic of Croatia for the negotiations on Article V, Annex 1B of the Dayton Peace Accord
- 1998 Member of the US - Croatia Working Group for the Partnership for Peace
- 1998 Chairman of the Central European Initiative Working Group on the Kosovo Crisis Resolution, Brijuni, Croatia

## Awards

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- 1982 Young Journalist of the Year
- 1984 Golden Pen Award of the Croatian Journalist Association
- 1996 Order of the Croatian Trefoil
- 1996 Order of the Homeland Gratitude
- 1998 Memorial Medal Vukovar

## Publications

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*"Recognition of the name and territorial sovereignty of Croatia in the UN during the period of UN peacekeeping operations in the territory of the Republic of Croatia"* - Croatian Diplomatic Almanac, 2/1997.

## Foreign Languages

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English, French