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Ambassador Lazăr Comănescu is a member of the Scientific Council of the New Strategy Center and of the Consultative Scientific Board of the Romanian European Institute. He served twice as minister foreign affairs of Romania (15 April-22 December 2008 respectively 17 November 2015-4 January 2017). From 15 February to 16 November 2015 he was foreign policy adviser of the President of Romania. He also served as Romania' s Ambassador to: NATO (March 1998-May 2001), EU(May 2001-April 2008) and Germany(May 2009- February 2015). From December 1995 to March 1998 he was State Secretary in MFA and prior to that director, then director general for European affairs (December 1994-December 1995) in MFA and deputy head of the Mission of Romania to the European Communities (May 1990-November 1994). Since 1983 Ambassador Comanescu has a PhD in international economics with the Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies where he was a lecturer professor from 1982 to 1990. He is currently senior adviser (foreign relations) to the President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry.