

Iurie Leancă, Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration, Republic of Moldova

Mr. Iurie Leancă is Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration since February 2018. He graduated from Moscow State Institute of International Relations and from 1986 until 1993 he worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova.

Between 1993 and 1997, he was Minister-Counselor at the Embassy of Moldova in Washington, D.C. Then, he worked as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1998 to 1999 and First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1999 to 2001.

In the period of 2001 – 2005 and 2007 – 2008 he took a position in the private sector, working as Deputy CEO at the ASCOM oil company. In 2005 – 2007 he was a Senior Adviser to the High Commissioner on National Minorities of OSCE.

In January 2015 he entered politics, becoming a member of the Liberal Democratic Party of Moldova. In September 2009 he was appointed as Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration. In May 2013, Iurie Leancă became the Prime Minister of Republic of Moldova, serving in this position for two years. From 2015 to 2018 he was a member of The Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, while also launching a new political party (European People's Party of Moldova).