



Luca NICULESCU
State Secretary, National Coordinator for
Romania's OECD accession process

Luca NICULESCU was appointed Secretary of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and National Coordinator for Romania's OECD Accession Process in September 2022.

He was Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Romania to France, Andorra and Monaco between 2016-2022. In this capacity, he also represented Romania to other international organizations with headquarters in Paris, such as the OECD and the Francophonie International Organisation. Between 2019-2022, he was also President of the Francophone Ambassadors' Group in France.

A former Romanian journalist and editor-in-chief of Radio France Internationale Romania (since 2000 until 2016), Luca Niculescu has a wide-ranging professional experience, with a solid background in covering international affairs. He hosted and produced several TV shows in Romania, including "Foreign Affairs", on Romanian Money Channel television, "Public Arena", "Europe is watching us" and "Without Borders" on the Romanian National Television TVR 1, from 2007 to 2012. He also hosted two acclaimed TV shows "Impartial" and "Diplomatic Passport" on Digi24, one of the main news channels of Romania. At the same time, he acted as Romanian correspondent for numerous French media: France Info, France Culture, France Inter, TV5, Libération.

Luca Niculescu graduated from the Bucharest University of Journalism in 1995 and earned a Master's degree in European Journalism from the Strasbourg University Center for Journalism Education in 1996. He was born on April 25, 1971, in Bucharest.

Awards:

2023: The National Order of the Legion of Honour, Commandor rank, awarded by the President of France

2022: The Royal Decoration – Cross of the Romanian Royal House, awarded by the Custodian of the Romanian Crown

2019: The Order of Arts and Letters, Commandor rank, awarded by the French Ministry of Culture

2015: The Medal "The Cultural Merit", awarded by the President of Romania to RFI Romania.

2012 : The «Fidelity » Medal , awarded by the Royal House of Romania

2010 : « European Journalist of the Year », by the European Institute of Romania

2008 and 2011: Prizes for best TV debates for his show "Without Borders", awarded by the TV Professional Association of Romania