

Cristian DIACONESCU, National Security Advisor to the President, Romania

Cristian Diaconescu (born 1959) was Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Justice in several Romanian governments.

Between 2001 and 2003, he represented the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the technical negotiations process for Romania's fulfillment of NATO accession criteria.

He held the position of Minister of Justice (2004), successfully concluding negotiations on the Justice and Home Affairs chapter within the process of Romania's accession to the European Union.

Cristian Diaconescu was Minister of Foreign Affairs in 2008-2009 and in 2012.

Since 2014, he has been a professor of International Law, ambassador and member of the Group of Eminent Persons created in support of the entry into force of the UN Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.

He was a Senator in the Romanian Parliament from 2004 to 2012, and in May 2012, he became Advisor for Foreign Affairs and Head of the Chancellery of the Presidential Administration, positions he held until April 2014.

In parallel with his professional career activities, Cristian Diaconescu carried out a teaching and scientific activity as a founding member and professor of the National Defense College Foundation of Romania, as well as scientific secretary of the Romanian Association of International Law and International Relations.

Since 2007, he has a doctorate in international commercial law at the Academy of Economic Studies in Bucharest.

He was a lecturer in International Law at the Dimitrie Cantemir University in Bucharest, Aurel Vlaicu University in Arad, Babeş Bolyai University in Cluj, Petre Andrei University in Iaşi, and UMFST University in Târgu Mureş. He also taught courses on European and Euro-Atlantic security cooperation at the National Defense College.

Starting with February 2025, Cristian Diaconescu was appointed by the interim President of Romania as Presidential Advisor (Department of National Security) and coordinator of the Chancellery of the interim President of Romania.