

Mrs. Luminița ODOBESCU, EU Presidential Advisor, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Romania

A career diplomat, Luminița-Teodora Odobescu (b. 1969) is, as of February 13, 2025, Presidential Advisor to the Interim President of Romania. Between January and February 2025, she was State Advisor for Foreign Policy and Security within the Chancellery of the Prime Minister.

Between June 2023 and December 2024, Luminița-Teodora Odobescu was the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania.

Between November 2021 and June 2023, he was Presidential Advisor for European Affairs, also coordinating the Foreign Policy Department, and from September 2015 to November 2021, the Permanent Representative of Romania to the European Union.

Between November 2012 and August 2015, he served as state advisor for European affairs and foreign policy within the Prime Minister's Chancellery.

Between February and November 2012, he was Secretary of State for European Affairs within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and between June 2008 and February 2012, he held the position of Director General of the European Union Department within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Between 2002 and 2007, he held various positions within the Permanent Representation to the European Union, managing a series of chapters within the negotiations for Romania's accession to the EU and also trade relations between Romania and the EU and trade defense measures.

After the signing of the Treaty of Accession of Romania to the EU, he ensured the coordination and preparation of the meetings of the Committee of Deputy Permanent Representatives (COREPER I) in his capacity as Mertens, participating, in parallel, in a series of working groups of the EU Council and the European Commission.

Between 1999 and 2002 he was head of department in the Department of Foreign Trade, and between 1995 and 1999 he held various positions in the European Union service of this Department.

Between 1992 and 1995 he was a scientific researcher at the "Virgil Madgearu" National Institute, and since 2003 he has been a doctor in international economic relations of the Academy of Economic Studies. He graduated, in 1992, from the Faculty of Commerce of the same Academy.

She was decorated with the Order of "Diplomatic Merit" in the rank of Officer for her contribution to the process of Romania's accession to the European Union, in 2007, with the National Order "Star of Romania" in the rank of Knight, for her contribution to the success of Romania's first Presidency of the EU Council, in 2019, and with the National Order "Star of Romania" in the rank of Officer, for promoting the interests of the Romanian state, in 2024.

She was also decorated with the "National Order of the Legion of Honor of France", in the rank of Knight, in 2015, with the "Grand Cross of Merit with Star" of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Order of "Prince Yaroslav the Wise" 3rd degree for the support given to Ukraine in 2023, and in 2025 with the "Order of Honor" of the Republic of Moldova, in appreciation for the activity in promoting the strategic partnership between Romania and the Republic of Moldova and for supporting the Republic of Moldova on the European Union agenda.