

## **Luminița ODOBESCU – Adviser to the Prime Minister of Romania**

**Luminița-Teodora Odobescu** (b. 1969) is a career diplomat and, starting from 13 February 2025, served as Presidential Adviser to the Acting President of Romania. Between January and February 2025, she held the position of State Adviser for foreign policy and security within the Prime Minister’s Chancellery, and between February and October 2025 she served as Presidential Adviser for European affairs.

Between June 2023 and December 2024, Luminița-Teodora Odobescu was Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania. Between November 2021 and June 2023, she served as Presidential Adviser for European affairs, also coordinating the Department for Foreign Policy, and between September 2015 and November 2021 she held the position of Permanent Representative of Romania to the European Union.

Between November 2012 and August 2015, she was State Adviser for European affairs and foreign policy within the Prime Minister’s Chancellery. Between February and November 2012, she served as State Secretary for European affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and between June 2008 and February 2012 she was Director General of the European Union Department within the same ministry.

Between 2002 and 2007, she held various positions in Romania’s Permanent Representation to the European Union, managing several chapters in the negotiations for Romania’s accession to the EU, as well as Romania–EU trade relations and trade defense measures. After the signing of Romania’s EU Accession Treaty, she coordinated and prepared meetings of the Committee of Permanent Representatives (COREPER I), while also participating in working groups of the Council of the EU and the European Commission.

Between 1999 and 2002, she was Head of Department within the Department for Foreign Trade, and between 1995 and 1999 she held various positions in the European Union service of the same department. Between 1992 and 1995, she was a scientific researcher at the National Institute “Virgil Madgearu” and, since 2003, she holds a PhD in international economic relations from the Academy of Economic Studies, from which she graduated in 1992 with a degree in Commerce.

She has been awarded the Order of Diplomatic Merit in the rank of Officer for her contribution to Romania’s accession to the European Union (2007), the National Order “Star of Romania” in the rank of Knight for her contribution to the success of Romania’s first Presidency of the Council of the EU (2019), and the National Order “Star of Romania” in the rank of Officer for promoting the interests of the Romanian state (2024).

She has also been awarded the French National Order of the Legion of Honour in the rank of Knight (2015), the Grand Cross of Merit with Star of the Federal Republic of Germany, the Order of Prince Yaroslav the Wise – 3rd class for her support to Ukraine (2023), and the Order of Honour of the Republic of Moldova (2025), in recognition of her role in promoting the strategic partnership between Romania and the Republic of Moldova and for supporting Moldova on the European Union agenda.

