

KRISTJÁN ANDRI STEFÁNSSON

Curriculum Vitae

Date and place of birth: 23 June 1967, Reykjavík, Iceland

Spouse: Mr. Davíð Samúelsson



University education

Cand. juris degree in Law (combined BA and Master's Degrees),
University of Iceland, Faculty of Law (1995)

Professional experience

2020-present

Ambassador to Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg and San Marino

Head of Mission of Iceland to the EU

2016-2020

Ambassador to France, Andorra, Algeria, Italy, Lebanon, Monaco, Morocco, Portugal,
Spain and Tunisia

Permanent representative to the OECD and UNESCO

2016-2018

Permanent representative to the Council of Europe

Ministry for Foreign Affairs

2015-2016

Deputy Permanent Secretary of State

2014-2016

Director-General, Directorate for Legal & Executive Affairs

2010-2014

Ambassador, Directorate for Economic Affairs & External Trade, responsible for the
Icesave file (negotiating 3rd agreement 2010-2011, chair of the case team responsible
for the Icesave court proceedings 2011-2013)

Member of the EEA Financial Mechanism Committee (the decision-making body of
EEA Grants 2009-2014) (vice-chair 2012-2014)

Chief Air Negotiator (responsible for negotiating air services agreements)

2010-2013

NIPAC (National IPA Co-ordinator) ensuring the overall coordination of pre-accession
assistance (during EU accession process)

EFTA Surveillance Authority, Brussels

2005-2009

Member of the EFTA Surveillance Authority College (the governing body of the organization that is responsible for monitoring implementation of the agreement that extends EU's internal market to the EEA/EFTA-states, the EEA Agreement)

Ministry for Foreign Affairs

2005

Appointed Ambassador and posted to Brussels

2004–2005

Minister Counsellor, Directorate for Economic Affairs & External Trade

Legal Adviser to the Minister for Foreign Affairs

Prime Minister's Office

1995–2004

Legal Adviser to the Prime Minister responsible i.a. for providing legal counsel to the PM, preparing and promoting PM's legislative initiatives and monitoring of government's programme in parliament.

1992–2004

Secretary to the Cabinet, present at all cabinet meetings with responsibility for recording proceedings.

Ombudsman (Parliamentary Commissioner)

1997

Legal expert (on leave from PM's Office)

Other professional activities

2014-2016 President of the Icelandic Lawyers' Association

Languages

Icelandic (native), Danish, English, Spanish, French

[Ambassador Stefánsson's interview with the magazine Gay Iceland](#)

[FranceInfo: Interview with Ambassador Kristján Andri Stefánsson](#)

[Newsletter of the Polish Delegation - interview with the ambassador of Iceland to the OECD](#)