

H.E. Mr Nikola POPOSKI

**Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Head of Mission of the former Yugoslav Republic of
Macedonia to the EU**

since 30 Sep 2010

Born on the 24th of October 1977 in Skopje, Republic of Macedonia
Married, one child

WORKING EXPERIENCE

2006 - 2009

European Commission, Joint Research Centre

Team leader

- Managing multidisciplinary teams of internal EC experts and external contractors
- Leading strategy groups and responsible for formulation and monitoring of the execution of quality infrastructure sector strategies in the scope of accession negotiations with the Republic of Croatia
- Planning and executing EU assistance programmes linked to the implementation of horizontal legislation with the aim of integration in the EU Internal Market
- Conducting assessments and providing guidelines to the EC Delegation in Zagreb about fulfilment of benchmarks for opening/closing of negotiation chapters on the *acquis communautaire*

2005 - 2006

DEPFA Bank plc. HQ, Ireland

Client Relationship Manager

- Formulating country-strategies and originating public-private partnership projects in emerging economies

2001 - 2004

Embassy of the French Republic to the Republic of Macedonia

Secretary

- Conduct of bilateral cooperation actions providing assistance to the Republic of Macedonia in the field of integrated border control management, military aviation, scientific and technical police

2003 - 2004

Rouen Port Authorities, France

Researcher at the Analysis and Development Department
(in the framework of Master studies)

- Conduct of a practical study for major industrial operators on environmentally friendly transport alternatives benefiting from EU subsidies ("Marco Polo" programme)

1999 - 2001

British Royal Engineers, UK

Personal assistant to the Quality Manager (64 Field Park Squadron)

- Executing major infrastructure projects and contracting of local suppliers in post-conflict areas on a regional scale

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- On-going **Doctoral studies**
University of Maribor
- Thesis on assessing the economic impact from public investments at the EU and member states level to quality infrastructure under mentorship of Prof. Philip Taylor (Head of Unit, European Commission – Joint Research Centre)
- 2005 **Master of Arts in European Economic Studies**
College of Europe – Bruges
- Thesis on asset management of private pension funds and EU regulation on investments under mentorship of Prof. Alfred Steinherr (Chief Economist of the European Investment Bank)
- 2004 **Master in Languages and International Trade in the EU**
University of Rennes and University of Skopje (Bilingual Degree)
- Thesis on environmentally friendly transport alternatives and possibilities of benefiting from EU subsidies under mentorship of Prof. Michel Bourse (Maître de conférence, University of Nantes, France)
- 2002 **Bachelor in Economics**
University of Skopje "Saint Cyril and Methodius" – Economics Faculty and University of Nice "Sophia Antipolis" (French Government scholarship)
- Thesis on entrepreneurship practices in post-conflict economies under mentorship of Prof. Taki Fiti (University of Skopje)
- 1995 René Cassin High School, Paris (Baccalauréat - French language)

PERSONAL SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

- Language skills:
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| Macedonian | mother tongue |
| French | bilingual |
| English | fully proficient |
| Italian | intermediary level |
| Dutch | intermediary level |
| Croatian | intermediary level |
- Technical skills:
- EC trained internal auditor for implementation of integrated environmental management and health and safety standards (ISO 14001, OHSAS 18001)

Excellence Award for contribution to the EU's Western Balkan Policy (European Commission)