

CV THOMAS MARKERT

Thomas Markert is a German lawyer born in 1955 who studied at the University of Tübingen, the College of Europe in Bruges and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Medford, Massachusetts, USA. He obtained a Doctorate of Law of Tübingen University in 1989.

Following his work as a practising lawyer he joined the Council of Europe in 1989 and has worked for the Venice Commission as from 1992. He was appointed Deputy Head of the Secretariat of the Venice Commission in 2002.

Extensive experience in South Eastern Europe, inter alia as legal adviser of EU Special Envoy Petritsch at the Rambouillet Conference and of EU Special Representative Léotard at the negotiations of the Ohrid Framework Agreement; took part in the drafting of the Constitutional Framework for Kosovo, the Comprehensive Proposal for the Kosovo Status Settlement prepared by UN Special Representative Ahtisaari and the Constitution of Kosovo, the Constitution of Albania, the Constitutional Charter of Serbia and Montenegro, proposals to amend the Dayton Constitution in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the special law on the referendum on independence in Montenegro.

In Eastern Europe involved in the preparation of Venice Commission opinions on the Ukrainian Constitution and attempts to revise it, on the constitutional referendum in Belarus proposed by President Lukachenko, constitutional reforms in Moldova, Georgia and the Constitution of the Chechen Republic. Took part in various efforts to settle the conflicts in Transnistria, Abkhazia and South Ossetia.

He was involved in preparing Venice Commission opinions on Turkey and took more recently part in a number of conferences and visits on constitutional issues in the Southern Mediterranean.

He was appointed Secretary of the Venice Commission on 1 March 2010.