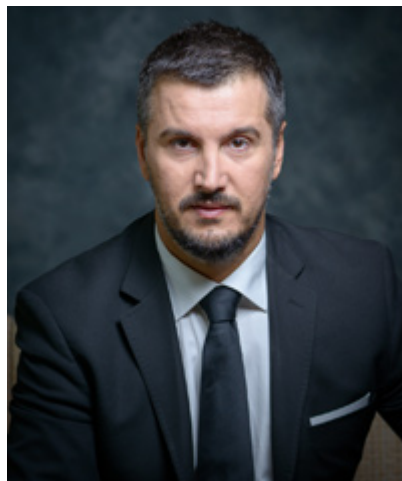




## State Secretary – Chief Negotiator for Montenegro’s Accession to EU



**Aleksandar Andrija Pejović,**

Ambassador Aleksandar Andrija Pejovic was born on June 26, 1974 in Kotor. He completed master studies in international relations – European and South East studies at the Faculty of State Administration and Political Sciences at the National University in Athens. Before that he had completed primary and secondary school in Herceg Novi and Faculty of English Language and Literature in Novi Sad.

Ambassador Aleksandar Andrija Pejović has been serving as State Secretary – Chief Negotiator for negotiations over Montenegro's accession to EU (since December 2011) and as National coordinator for pre-accession funds for EU assistance to Montenegro.

In March 2010 he was appointed as Ambassador – Chief of the Mission of Montenegro to EU and in October 2010 as permanent representative – Ambassador of Montenegro to Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in Hague. In the course of his term in office in Brussels he participated in all the most important developments related to the European way of Montenegro, from handover of EC Questionnaire over obtainment of candidate status to the most recent decision about initiation of negotiations. His work has been reflected in relations, communication and encounters we have with the European Commission, European Parliament and Council of EU as well as with representative offices of Member States and states of the region and other members of diplomatic corps in Brussels.

Before his appointment as Ambassador to EU, he was serving, for three years, as Director of Directorate for European Union in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro. During this post he was dealing intensively with cooperation between Montenegro and EU, particularly with political relations and dialog with EU, but with common foreign and security policy of EU as well. In this capacity he participated in all the most important meetings and gatherings between our and European officials. He has also participated in different working bodies of the Government of Montenegro in the process of European integration and he has coordinated work in part of political criteria and chapter 31 – foreign, security and defence policy.

He has been employed in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2000. He served in several sectors of the Ministry – multilateral (UN and regional cooperation), bilateral (neighbouring countries and Western Europe) and EU. He also was employed in the Office for Cooperation between Montenegro and Slovenia in Ljubljana and in Embassy of Serbia and Montenegro in Skopje where he was national representative in the Regional Centre for Migration, Asylum and Refugees. He worked as national coordinator for Montenegrin presiding over Adriatic Ionian Initiative, coordinator for presiding over the Regional Initiative for migration, asylum and refugees and Deputy National Coordinator for fight against human trafficking.

Before he was employed in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs he had been working as professor in the High School in Herceg Novi for three and a half years.

He speaks several languages, among which English, Italian, French, Slovenian and Macedonian stand out. In his spare time he writes and makes sculptures. He has published specialist papers on international relations and geopolitics, he is the author of one novel named „Amabor“.

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