




BRIEFING NOTE: László ANDOR

Name	László Andor 
First time Commissioner?	Yes
Date of Hearing	Wednesday 13 January 13.00-16.00
Country	Hungary
Political Party	Unaffiliated
Previous Hungarian Commissioner	Laszlo Kovacs
Portfolio	Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
Services	DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (EMPL) (The Equality between Men/Women, Action against Discrimination, Civil Society Directorate EMPL G will remain within DG EMPL but be placed under the responsibility of the commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship) European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (Eurofound); European Agency for Health and safety at Work (EU-OSHA).
Personal details	Born 3 June, 1966, in Zalaegerszeg, Hungary 2 children
Current duties	Since 2005: Member of the Board of Directors of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), London
Political career	Since 2005: Member of the Board of the Economic Section of the Hungarian Socialist Party (MSZP) and editor of its economic journal "Standpoints" Between 2002 and 2007: Member of the Board of József Attila Foundation, a social-democratic think tank (2002-2007) Between 2002 and 2005: Member of the Budapest Municipality's Committee for European Integration and Foreign Affairs
Professional career	2005 - : Member of the Board of Directors of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), London 2000 - : Associate professor at the Economics Department at the Corvinus University of Budapest (currently on unpaid leave) and at the King Sigismund

	<p>College (currently on unpaid leave)</p> <p>2003-2005: Senior advisor to the Prime Minister's Office (Hungary)</p> <p>2002-2005: Senior researcher at the Institute for Political Sciences (Hungary)</p> <p>2004-2005: Member of the Board of Directors at Kopint-Datorg Rt (an economic research company)</p> <p>2004-2005: Member of the Editorial Board of the journal "Egyenlítő" (a monthly magazine on sociological and cultural subjects)</p> <p>1999-2001: Advisor for the World Bank on SAPRI (Structural Adjustment Participatory Review Initiative)</p> <p>Since 1999: Secretary and member of the Board of Trustees for the Kaldor Price</p> <p>Since 1998: Member of the Board of Trustees at the Foundation of European Studies</p> <p>1996-1999: Member of the Board of Directors of the Youth Committee of the Hungarian Economics Association</p> <p>1998-1999: Advisor to the Budgetary and Finance Committee of the Hungarian National Assembly</p> <p>1997-1998: Visiting professor at Rutgers University (USA)</p> <p>1993-1997: Head of the College for Advanced Studies in Social Theory at the Budapest University of Economic Sciences and Public Administration</p> <p>Since 1993: Editor of "Eszmélet", a quarterly journal for social critique and culture</p> <p>1989-1991: Research fellow at the Economic and Social Research Institute of Trade Unions (ESRITU, Hungary)</p>
Education	<p>1993: MA in Development Economics (Manchester, United Kingdom)</p> <p>1989: Graduated in Economics (Budapest, Hungary)</p> <p>1984: Graduated in high school (Zalaegerszeg, Hungary)</p>
Languages	<p>Hungarian: mother tongue</p> <p>English: fluent</p> <p>Russian: fluent</p>
FYI....	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ He published a book in 2000 titled "Hungary on the road to the European Union: Transition in blue". ▪ In the context of the financial crisis he published an article in October 2008 entitled "Hungary's boomerang effect". Therein he called upon the EU to change its eurozone enlargement policy, arguing that "crucifying new members on Maastricht criteria" for adoption of the single currency – on debt, deficit, inflation, interest rates and exchange-rate stability – could "cause disintegration in what should be the most dynamic part of the Union".

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