



BRIEFING NOTE: Maros SEFCOVIC

Name	<p>Maroš Šefčovič</p> 
First time Commissioner?	Yes.
Date of Hearing	Monday 18 January 18.00-21.00
Country	Slovakia
Political Party	Smer-Sociálna Demokracia (S&D)
Previous Slovakian Commissioner	Jan Figel
Portfolio	Vice-President for Inter-institutional Relations and Administration
Services	<p>For inter-institutional relations, the Vice-President will draw on the support of the Secretariat-General (SG).</p> <p>For administration:</p> <p>DG Personnel and Administration (ADMIN – from 1 January 2010 DG Human Resources and Security, HR);</p> <p>DG Informatics (DIGIT);</p> <p>Office for Administration and Payment of Individual Entitlements (PMO); Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Brussels (OIB);</p> <p>Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Luxembourg (OIL);</p> <p>European Personnel Selection Office (EPSO);</p> <p>European Administration School (EAS).</p>
Personal details	<p>Born July 24, 1966 in Bratislava, Slovakia</p> <p>Married</p> <p>3 children</p>
Current duties	Since October 2009: Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth
Political career	Since October 2009: Member of the European Commission
Professional career	August 1990 – July 1991 Advisor to the First Deputy Foreign Minister, Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Prague, Czech Republic;

	<p>August 1991 – November 1992 Third Secretary and Consul , Czechoslovak Embassy, Harare, Zimbabwe;</p> <p>December 1992 – July 1995 Deputy Chef of Mission, Czechoslovak Embassy, Ottawa, Canada;</p> <p>August 1995 – September 1996: Deputy Director of the Department of the EU and NATO countries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bratislava, Slovakia;</p> <p>October 1996 – May 1997: Deputy Director of the Office of the Foreign Minister, MFA, Bratislava, Slovakia;</p> <p>June 1997 – July 1997: Director of the Office of the Foreign Minister, MFA, Bratislava, Slovakia;</p> <p>August 1997 – November 1998: Deputy Head of Mission of the Slovak Republic to the European Communities, Brussels;</p> <p>December 1998 – January 2002: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Tel Aviv, Israel;</p> <p>February 2002 – July 2003: Political Director, MFA, Bratislava, Slovakia;</p> <p>August 2003 – October 2004: Director General, Section of European Affairs, MFA, Slovakia, Bratislava</p> <p>November 2004 – September 2009: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary. Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the EU, Brussels</p> <p>1 October 2009: Member of the European Commission, Brussels</p>
Education	<p>1996 – 2000: Postgraduate studies in the international/European law at the Comenius University (PhD.), Faculty of Law, Bratislava, Slovakia;</p> <p>1991: Stanford University, Hoover Institution, Stanford, USA;</p> <p>1990: Graduated in Law, Comenius University, Faculty of Law, Bratislava, Slovakia;</p> <p>1985 – 1990: Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Russia;</p> <p>1984 – 1985: Economic University, Bratislava, Slovakia;</p>
Languages	<p>Slovak: mother tongue</p> <p>English, French and Russian: thorough knowledge</p> <p>German: basic knowledge</p>
FYI....	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ As Slovakia’s main EU representative since 2004, Maroš Šefčovič has covered many EU policy areas and handled many EU crises. ▪ In the Slovak Foreign Ministry, he has been a high-flier, leading EU and NATO departments and heading the private office of the Slovak Foreign Minister. ▪ His CV lists his hobbies as tennis, jogging, skiing and biographies.

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