## Ambassador Gerda Vogl



Having joined the Austrian Foreign Ministry in 1999, Gerda has taken up service as Austrian Ambassador to Greece on 1 August 2023.

Before coming to Athens, Gerda served in the Offices of the Federal President Alexander Van der Bellen since 2019, first as Head of Protocol and then as his Diplomatic Advisor.

As early as 2002-2003, Gerda headed the Austrian Liaison Office in Pristina, then joined the diplomatic team at the Permanent Mission of Austria to the United Nations in New York (2003-2006) and later served as Political Advisor to the EU Special Representative in Skopje (2006-2007). In 2009-2010, she took a sabbatical to work with the European Stability Initiative think tank in Istanbul.

As Deputy Head of Mission at the Austrian Embassy in Rome (2013-2017), Gerda acted as Chargée d'Affaires for over a year in 2014-2015.

In Vienna, Gerda served amongst others as advisor in the personal offices of Foreign Ministers Ursula Plassnik and Michael Spindelegger and in the Legal Department of the Foreign Ministry.

Having grown up in Berlin before moving to Vienna at the age of eleven, Gerda has always had a keen interest in politics. She has earned a master's degree in legal studies from Vienna University and a master's degree in international relations from the Vienna Diplomatic Academy.

Gerda speaks English, French, Italian and Turkish, and is currently studying Greek. Gerda has a great interest in Greek culture and history and loves to be out with friends and family. She is married and has two children.