

## MICHAEL ROBERTS

Michael Roberts is a consultant and coach, specialising in EU and international affairs. An expert in navigating the corridors of Brussels, he has advised governments and NGOs in Central and Eastern Europe, in the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and in Central Asia.

A UK diplomat by background, he served as British Ambassador to the Slovak Republic from 2007-10. He was Deputy Head of Mission at the British Embassy in Ankara from 2004-07, and prior to that First Secretary at the UK Permanent Representation to the EU in Brussels (1995-99) and at the British Embassy in Athens (1987-91). In London, he worked at the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office and in the Cabinet Office where he was Deputy Head of the European Secretariat (1999-2003).



Since leaving the British foreign service in 2011, he has led a consultancy project for Tony Blair in Kazakhstan; advised the Lithuanian government on its Presidency of the Council of the EU; and carried out advisory work for NATO Land Forces and for the EITI (Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative). He led the ECE Group in training Estonian and Finnish officials and ministers for Estonia's 2017 and Finland's 2019 Presidency of the Council of the EU. He will shortly be training Slovenian officials for their 2021 EU Presidency. He coaches officials in several countries on how to negotiate effectively in, and with, the EU. Sadly, this now includes officials in his own country. His particular interests lie in helping countries pursue good governance and Euro-Atlantic integration.

Michael has an MA from the University of Oxford in Philosophy, Politics and Economics. He speaks French, Greek, some Turkish and some Slovak.

He was Chairman of the British Czech & Slovak Association from 2014-17, and is currently a Trustee of the European Union Baroque Orchestra, of the Fieri Consort, and of Depaul Slovensko. Her Majesty The Queen made him a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (CVO) in 2008.