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Head of Mission for EU advisory mission in Ukraine appointed

Mr Kalman Mizsei was today appointed Head of Mission for the EU Advisory Mission for Civilian Security Sector Reform Ukraine (EUAM Ukraine).

EUAM Ukraine, established by the Council on 22 July, will be an unarmed, non-executive civilian mission. EU advisers will initially focus on supporting the elaboration of revised security strategies and the rapid implementation of reforms, in coordination and coherence with other EU efforts, as well as with the OSCE and other international partners.

Operational planning and other preparations for the mission are underway and a civilian response team is already in Kyiv.

Today's decision was taken by the Political and Security Committee.

More information:

EUAM Ukraine established

Factsheet on EU-Ukraine relations

Annex: CV of Mr Kalman Mizsei

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Curriculum Vitae

Mr Kalman MIZSEI, from Hungary, has been Adjunct Professor at the Central European University since 2006, where he teaches courses on Globalization and Global Governance and East European economic and political transition after 1989.

During this period he also worked as EU Special Representative for the Republic of Moldova (2007-2011) – engaging with all five countries in the 5+2 format, so including Ukraine and Russia – and, for the Open Society Institute, as Co-Chairman of the Roma Policy Board and Chairman of the Board for Making the Most of EU Funds for Roma Inclusion.

His previous post, held from 2001-2006, was at the level of Assistant Secretary-General of the UN, directing the UNDP Regional Bureau for Europe and the CIS, working with the 31 programme countries, and managing nearly 2,000 staff.

Mr Mizsei is an economist by training, holding a Ph.D. in Economics from the Budapest University of Economics (1984). Much of the early part of his career was spent in the Hungarian banking sector, including the National Bank of Hungary (1990-1995) and as the Chairman of both the Hungarian Export Import Bank and Hungarian Export Credit Insurance Ltd. (1995-1997). Having developed an interest in privatization and transition across Eastern Europe and the CIS, Mr Mizsei worked as Vice President for Economic Programmes for the Institute for East West Studies in New York (1992-1995); and held the post of Director for Direct Investments and Infrastructure, and Chief Investment Officer, for Central and Eastern Europe, for AIG Global Investment Corp (1997-2001).

Mr Mizsei is proficient in English, German, Russian and Polish, and has some French and Romanian.