



**Ambassador Peter BURIAN**

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Ambassador Peter Burian was appointed as the EU Special Representative for Central Asia on 15 April 2015. His responsibilities include promoting good and close relations between the Union and the countries of Central Asia. He earned his degree in Oriental Studies at St. Petersburg State University. He continued his diplomatic and international studies at the University of Cairo, Comenius University in Bratislava and the Diplomatic Academy in Moscow. Ambassador Burian held the post of Head of Slovakia's Mission to NATO in Brussels from 1999 to 2003. He was the Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the United Nations in New York from 2004 to 2008 during which time Slovakia held one of the non-permanent seats on the United Nations Security Council. From 2008 to 2012 he served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Slovakia to the United States, in Washington D.C. Prior to this appointment Ambassador Burian served from 2012 **as First Deputy Minister and was responsible for areas of security policy, economic diplomacy, development assistance, international organizations and the territories of the EU Eastern Partnership, Africa, Asia and Pacific, and Americas.**