

UNDERSECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY FOR EU AFFAIRS AMBASSADOR R. ENGİN SOYSAL

Ambassador SOYSAL was born in 1960 in İstanbul. He is married with one child.

Having completed his high school education at İstanbul Saint Joseph French High School in 1978, Ambassador SOYSAL studied at Marmara University's Faculty of Economic and Administrative Sciences and graduated from the Department of International Relations in 1982.

Having worked at Marmara University as a research assistant for a short period, Ambassador SOSYAL joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in March 1983. At the Ministry, he served respectively at the General Directorate for Bilateral Cultural Affairs, Department of EU Affairs and Office of the Undersecretary. Additionally, Ambassador SOYSAL worked in capacity of the Chief of Cabinet to the Minister (1997-99), Special Advisor to the Minister (2000-02) and Deputy Undersecretary for the Middle East and South Asia (2009-10).

Ambassador SOYSAL served abroad respectively at the Turkish Embassy in Tehran, the Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Turkey to the European Communities, the Turkish Embassy in Paris, and the Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Turkey to the UN.

Having served at the Turkish Embassy in Washington, D.C. as the Minister-Counsellor and Deputy Chief of Mission between 2003-2007, Ambassador SOYSAL was appointed to Islamabad as Ambassador in 2007 and his posting there continued until mid-2009.

Ambassador SOYSAL, who served as Special Envoy of the U.N. Secretary General for Assistance to Pakistan between 2010-11, was appointed as the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Turkey to the Council of Europe in October 2011. On July 1 2014, Ambassador SOYSAL returned to Ankara and became the Acting Undersecretary of the Ministry for EU Affairs. On July 27 2014, Ambassador SOYSAL was appointed as the Undersecretary of the Ministry for EU Affairs.

Ambassador SOYSAL holds two masters degrees from the College of Europe (Altieri Spinelli) and French National School of Government ENA (Saint-Exupéry).

He is fluent in French and English.

