

Amb. Andrej Benedejčič

Ambassador-at-Large Dr. Andrej Benedejčič has been the Ambassador in charge of Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-Proliferation at the Slovenian Foreign Ministry since 2019. In this role, he is responsible for coordinating activities within the Slovenian government and the diplomatic network abroad related to conventional arms control, disarmament of weapons of mass destruction and nuclear non-proliferation, with an emphasis on Slovenian engagement in the UN, EU, NATO and the OSCE.

Before assuming this position, he was Permanent Representative to the International Organizations in Vienna, where he served on the IAEA Board of Governors and chaired the General Working Group of the Wassenaar Arrangement as well, the Open Skies Consultative Commission and the OSCE Forum for Security Co-operation.

Previously, he was the Slovenian Permanent Representative on the North Atlantic Council in Brussels, as well as Ambassador to the Russian Federation in Moscow, accredited also to Uzbekistan and other states of Central Asia.

In over 20 years of diplomatic service, he has held several positions abroad and at home, including as Foreign Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister and to the President of Slovenia, and as Director General for Global Issues and Multilateral Political Relations at the Foreign Ministry. Dr. Benedejčič graduated from Harvard University and received his PhD from the University of Ljubljana.

He is the author of a number of publications on security policy and international relations, including most recently of the title *Russia and Slavdom: Between Statism and Reciprocity* (December 2021).