

Biographical Note Elida PETOSHATI (Mrs.)
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BA (French Language and Literature/Linguistics) Tirana University, [1992],

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joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1998.

Mrs. Petoshati is a career diplomat. She has been appointed in different positions and departments at Headquarters, including Regional Department, NATO and OSCE office, the United Nations Department and European office. From 2001-2005, she was appointed as Counsellor at the Albanian Embassy to Romania; during that time she served for several months as Charge d'Affaires, a.i. From 2005 to 2009, she has been holding the position of Secretary General of the Albanian National Commission for UNESCO and Francophony, specializing in intercultural communication and promotion, at national and regional level, of the dialogue of cultures and civilizations, cultural diversity, interconfessional understanding, multilingualism, in the light of sustainable development. During the same period, she was member of the Interministerial Group on Religions near the Committee of Cults, member of the Interministerial Committee for the Alliance of Civilizations and co-writer of the Albanian Government's Strategy for Intercultural Dialogue. From 2009 to mid-May 2011, she was the Director of the Department for Italy, Greece, Turkey (Holy See, Malta & Cyprus).

Mrs. Petoshati has been graduated from Diplomatic Academy in Vienna [1999]. She has also completed a number of programs and training courses in Egypt, Denmark, Romania, Croatia, at UNESCO HQ etc. Prior to her engagement to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, she has been assistant professor to Tirana University (1992-1993/1999-2001). Up to 2010, she has pursued her academic activity as Professor at the Department of Literature in the Faculty of Philology and History of Tirana University, lecturing at Masters Degree Program on Comparative and Universal Literature. Mrs. Petoshati is author of a series of scientific studies, books and articles in the domains of literature, linguistics, cultural diversity, Albanian history and culture, in general.

Designated Francophone Personality of the Year 2010, with the motivation "Diversity in the service of peace", Mrs. Petoshati speaks excellent English, French, Romanian, Spanish and Italian.

She is married to Mr. Arian Muka and has a son, Noel Ottavian Muka.

