



## **Andris Kesteris**

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Andris Kesteris started his career in 1987 as a lecturer in Political Science at the University of Latvia in Riga, before joining the Latvian Foreign Ministry in 1990. In 1994, he became the Ambassador to Germany.

In 1998 Mr Kesteris was appointed Under-Secretary of State for Multilateral Affairs. In 1999, he also became Chief Negotiator for Latvia's accession to the EU.

In 2003, he was appointed Ambassador, Head of the Latvian Mission to the European Union until May 2004 and became Permanent Representative for Latvia to the European Union the following year.

From 2004, Mr Kesteris was head of cabinet for Energy Commissioner Andris Pielbags.

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