

## **Eric PETERS**

Born on 25 January 1970, Eric Peters attended the École normale supérieure (Lyon) and the École nationale du génie rural, des eaux et des forêts (ENGREF). He holds a Master's degree in molecular and cellular biology and is a qualified ingénieur en Chef du Génie rural des Eaux et Forêts (senior agriculture, forestry and water management engineer).

From 1996 to 2001, he fulfilled different management posts within the French National Forest Office in France and in La Martinique.

From 2001 to 2005 he worked as an administrator within the European Commission's Directorate-General for Trade and then served as an adviser to the Cabinet of Christine Lagarde, France's trade minister, for European and international issues.

In May 2007 he was appointed diplomatic adviser to Christine Lagarde, who was then Minister of Agriculture and subsequently became Minister for Economic Affairs, Finance and Employment.

In December 2007 he was appointed deputy Head of Cabinet to Peter Mandelson, European Trade Commissioner and then served Baroness Catherine Ashton of Upholland, European Trade Commissioner, as deputy Head of Cabinet.

Before joining the BEPA and since mid 2010, he was adviser to the French Permanent representative to EU institutions on international issues and strategic partnerships.

He finally joined the Bureau of European Policy Advisers in 2011 as adviser for international and economic issues.