

Event Speaker Biography



William Sleath

Mr William Sleath is currently Director for Citizens, Health, Migration & Security Union, Secretariat-General of the European Commission. Mr Sleath was appointed a Director for policy coordination in the Commission's Secretariat-General in March 2017. He was previously Head of Unit responsible for coordination of home, justice, health, and consumer policies, as well as the Cooperation and Verification Mechanisms with Bulgaria and Romania.

He previously worked in the team of the Secretary-General Catherine Day, after responsibilities in the Secretariat-General for programming, the 2005-06 Financial Perspectives negotiations, and as a member of the Commission's task force on the future of the Union. He also served as Head of the Political Affairs Unit in the European Commission Representation in London.

He joined the Commission in 1993, working in Brussels on EU political and trade relations with China and Hong Kong, having previously been a Clerk in the House of Lords in London. In 2011, he also spent half a year as the European Union Fellow at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Massachusetts.