

## **Ambassador Mag. Stella Avallone**

**Date of birth:** May 7, 1961 in Vienna, Austria  
**Nationality:** Austrian  
**Languages:** German, English, French, Italian, Russian, Polish, Slovak; basic knowledge in Latvian, Spanish, Turkish

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **Since 24/11/2020**

Austrian Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova

#### **Since 28/8/2018**

Austrian Ambassador to Latvia

#### **Since 6/2018**

Head of Unit for East and South East Europe and the Southern Caucasus, Department for Bilateral and Regional Planning and Programming of Development Cooperation, Directorate General for Development Cooperation, Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Vienna, Austria

#### **Since 10/2014**

Head of Unit for Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Mediterranean and the Middle East, Department for Bilateral and Regional Planning and Programming of Development Cooperation, Directorate General for Development Cooperation, Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Vienna, Austria

#### **10/2009-9/2014**

Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Austria, Warsaw, Poland

#### **8/2007-9/2009**

Head of Unit for Exhibitions and New Media, Department for the Organization of Cultural and Scientific Events Abroad, Directorate General for International Cultural Policy, Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs of Austria

#### **3/2003-8/2007**

Director of the Austrian Cultural Forum, Milan, Italy

#### **2001-2003**

Head of Unit for Bilateral Development Cooperation with Central and Eastern Europe, the Western Balkans and the Newly Independent States, Department for Bilateral and Regional Planning and Programming of Development Cooperation, Directorate General for Development Cooperation, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

#### **1999-2001**

Human Dimension Desk Officer, Austrian Delegation to the OSCE, Vienna, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

**1997-1999**

Desk Officer, Department for Transport, Energy and Environment, Directorate General for Economic Policy and EU Coordination, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

**1990-1997**

Cultural Attaché at the Austrian Consulate General, from 1993 onwards Head of Cultural Center at the Austrian Embassy, Bratislava, Slovakia

**1986-1990**

Attaché at the Austrian Embassy, Moscow, USSR

**1985-1986**

Desk Officer, Directorate General for Administrative Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

**5/1985-11/1985**

VÖEST Alpine Industrienanlagenbau, Linz, Upper Austria

**EDUCATION****1979-1985:**

Master of Arts (English, Russian, Theatre Arts and Art History), University of Vienna

**1979-1981:**

Post-Graduate Course at Commercial Collage Schönborngasse, Vienna

**1971-1979:**

A-Levels (Matura) at Bundesgymnasium Rahlgasse, Vienna, focus on foreign languages

**AWARDS****2012:**

Military Recognition Medal of the Austrian Armed Forces

**2002:**

Golden Decoration of Honour for Services to the Republic of Austria (following the Austrian OSCE Presidency 2000)

**1998:**

Award of the Mayor of the City of Bratislava `for her extraordinary contribution to the reestablishment and promotion of the cultural and intellectual relations between Austria and Slovakia and in particular between the capitals of both countries, Bratislava and Vienna´

**INTERESTS:**

History, in particular, the history of Central and Eastern Europe, travel, culture (especially music and fine arts)