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Born in 1953 and having grown up in the Austrian Tyrol with an **Austro-British family background**, Andreas Herdina graduated from Innsbruck University in 1976 with a **Doctorate of Law**.

He then **practiced law in Innsbruck**, establishing his own barrister's / solicitor's office after legal practices within the court and attorney system.

In 1987, Andreas Herdina joined the **Austrian Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs**. After a traineeship at the Austrian Embassy in **Islamabad** and at the ministry in Vienna, he was posted to the Austrian Embassy in **Tokyo** from 1989 until 1993 and subsequently exercised the function of Deputy Head of the Austrian Permanent Mission to the United Nations and other International Organisations in **Geneva** from 1993 until 1996.

During the immediate post-war period from March 1996 to March 1999, the Austrian Foreign Ministry seconded Andreas Herdina to the **Office of the High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina** that implemented the Dayton/Paris Peace Agreement. He was mainly in charge of policy issues related to refugees and internally displaced persons as well as reconstruction efforts in support of refugee return. He was also engaged in various aspects of military-civilian cooperation. In 1998, he was appointed Resident Envoy of the High Representative to Drvar, a region of Bosnia-Herzegovina raising particular peace implementation challenges.

In 1999, Andreas Herdina joined the **services of the European Commission**. Working in the fields of EU enlargement and external relations, he served in and subsequently headed a Unit in charge of **accession negotiations with Lithuania**. For three years, he also led a Task Force dealing with **nuclear issues in the context of EU enlargement**. He contributed to the Commission's good offices that facilitated the **accession of the Czech Republic** by tackling controversies regarding the commissioning of the Temelin Nuclear Power Plant in Bohemia as well as the Czechoslovak Presidential Decrees of 1945/46. Since mid-2003, Andreas Herdina has been involved in developing the **European Neighbourhood Policy** as Head of a Sector Coordination Unit that handles sector-specific aspects of this new policy.

Outside his professional activities, Andreas Herdina held various ranks in the Austrian voluntary fire brigade service. He is a keen amateur yachtsman. He is married to a Finnish diplomat.