



Mr. Gazmend Turdiu took office as Head of Program Department at the Secretariat of the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) on 2 September 2013. On 1 March 2014 he was appointed Deputy Secretary General of RCC.

Mr. Turdiu joined the diplomatic service of Albania in May 1992 and held several positions, both in Albania and abroad.

At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of his country, Mr. Turdiu has held the position of the Director of the Department for Euroatlantic Cooperation (1998-2000), Director of the Department of Europe (2003), Director General for Legal and Consular Affairs (2008-2009) and Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2009-2013).

From 2001 to 2002, Mr. Turdiu served as Director General for Coordination of Foreign Aid at the Albanian Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Trade.

Mr. Turdiu was Ambassador of Albania in Bern, Switzerland (1992-1997), and Ambassador of Albania in Berlin, Germany (2003-2008).

During his career, Mr. Turdiu has been member of the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (2009), President of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the States Parties to the Ottawa Convention (2010-2011) and member of the Council of Foundation of the Geneva Center for Humanitarian Demining (2010 to 2013).

Mr. Turdiu holds a Civil Engineering Degree from the University of Tirana. Born on 6 April 1959, he speaks Albanian, English and Italian. He is married and has two children.