



Dr Denis MacShane MP

British Minister of State

Responsibility for: European Union; Common Foreign & Security Policy; Central & North West Europe; Southern Europe; Economic Relations; Eastern Adriatic; OSCE/Council of Europe; Russia; Eastern Europe.

Dr Denis MacShane was appointed Minister for Europe on 28 October 2002. He was previously Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs.

Dr MacShane was elected MP for Rotherham in 1994. He was a Parliamentary Private Secretary to Foreign Office Ministers from June 1997 to June 2001. As an MP, he has concentrated on economic, manufacturing, fiscal, labour market and European policy issues.

Dr MacShane worked previously as a BBC producer from 1969 to 1977 and was the President of the National Union of Journalists from 1978 to 1979. In the 1980s he worked abroad as an international trade union official supporting pro-democracy union movements in Poland, South Africa, Brazil and South Korea. He was Director of the European Policy Institute from 1992 to 1994. A senior member of the Fabian Society Executive, Dr MacShane writes regularly for national newspapers and political journals as well as for French, German and American newspapers. He is the author of several books on international politics.

Dr MacShane was born in 1948. He studied at Merton College, Oxford and has a PhD in International Economics from London University. He is a keen skier and enjoys walking and gardening. He is married to Nathalie Pham, who is French-Vietnamese. They have four children and live in Rotherham and London.