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Ambassador Meglena Kuneva took up her function as Head of the EU Delegation to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg on 1st September 2018. As Head of Delegation she is the permanent and principal representative of the EU vis-à-vis the Council of Europe. She is also the main representative of the EU towards EU Member States present in Strasbourg, representatives in the parliamentary assembly as well as third countries' missions and the Council of Europe Development Bank. Her role is to promote EU unity, visibility and effectiveness within the Council of Europe.

Prior to this appointment Ambassador Kuneva held a number of high-profile positions. From 2001 to 2007, she served as Minister of European Affairs and Chief Negotiator for the accession of Bulgaria to the EU. After her country's accession in 2007, she was appointed first ever Bulgarian EU Commissioner in the Barroso Commission, responsible for the portfolio on consumer protection. After completing her mandate, she was re-elected in the Bulgarian Parliament and served as Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Bulgaria for European Policies Coordination and Institutional Affairs (2014-2017), assuming as well the responsibility of the Ministry for Education and Science (2016-2017).

Ambassador Kuneva is trained as a lawyer and holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Law from the University "St. Kliment Ohridski", in Sofia, Bulgaria. She is an avid listener of classical music.