

Christian Leffler, short biography

Born in Göteborg, Sweden, in 1955, educated at LSE and the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, Christian Leffler joined the Swedish Foreign Service in 1980. Participating in the Swedish accession negotiations to the EU opened the door to joining the European Commission in 1996. After various posts in Cabinets and external relations services, he joined the EEAS, EU External Action Service, at its establishment in 2011 as the Managing director for the Americas. He became Deputy Secretary General for Economic and Global Issues in 2015 and served in this position until his retirement in March 2020.