



Tomáš BOČEK

Vice-Governor for Target Group Countries

Czech national

Tomáš Boček was appointed Vice-Governor for Target Group Countries on 29 March 2019 and began his mandate on 2nd May 2019.

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Before arriving at the CEB, he was Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on Migration and Refugees. His mandate included *inter alia* gathering information on the steps that Council of Europe member states were taking in order to protect the fundamental rights of migrants and refugees, and proposing appropriate action at national and European level.

From 2010 until the end of January 2016 he was Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the Council of Europe, in which capacity he also represented the Czech Republic to the CEB Governing Board. During the period 2013-2015, he was Vice-Chairperson of the Governing Board of the CEB. He has previously served as Deputy Minister for International Relations and EU Affairs at the Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic (2008-2009) and as Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs (2007-2008), and has held senior posts in the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Mr Boček holds a Law degree from the Faculty of Law of the West Bohemian University in Pilsen and a postgraduate diploma (DEA) in International Public Law from the Faculty of Law of *Université Paris 1 Panthéon – Sorbonne*.