



H. E. Ambassador Mikael Barfod Head of EU delegation to Barbados & East Caribbean
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Mikael Barfod took up the post of European Union Ambassador to Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean in October 2012.

Ambassador Barfod was educated in his native Denmark, where he gained an advanced degree in Political Science and Economics. He also holds a Masters Degree in Government from the United Kingdom.

After a short stint in the Danish Central Administration, Ambassador Barfod joined the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO), where he worked as a Senior Programme Officer and as a Deputy FAO Representative in Zambia and the Philippines respectively. He subsequently joined the European Union (then the European Commission) as Economic Adviser within the Delegations in Liberia and Zimbabwe.

After more than eleven years of field work, Ambassador Barfod joined EU Headquarters in Brussels in 1993 where he was responsible for policies and strategies within the European Community Humanitarian Office (ECHO). In 2001 he joined the European Commission's Europe Aid Development Office (now Development and Co-operation) where he worked until his departure for Barbados. There he served in various management capacities including geographical responsibility for coordinating development assistance to the Caribbean and Africa, and his most recent position which saw him in charge of EU development assistance to Central and West Africa.