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# His Excellency Doctor Zsolt Hetesy

## Challenges And Opportunities In Europe: The Hungarian Perspective



Zoom link:

<https://canterbury.zoom.us/j/93505583038>

**Date:** 04 August 2022

**Time:** 5:30pm NZT

**Location:** Elsie Locke 611, University of Canterbury Ilam Campus

Dr. Zsolt Hetesy is the Ambassador of Hungary to New Zealand since December 1, 2021. A lawyer by background, and a civil servant since 1992, he worked in different leadership positions in the field of law, national security as well as in multilateral and bilateral diplomatic relations.

Prior to New Zealand he served as Deputy Head of Mission at the Hungarian Embassy in Washington D.C. His previous diplomatic posts also include two stints at the Hungarian Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York, first as legal adviser and later as Deputy Permanent Representative.

Amb. Hetesy started his career in the Prime Minister's Office, dealing with national security law and administration. Between 2002 and 2010 he directed two Hungarian national security services, first the Special Service for National Security, and starting from 2007, the Information Office. He also acted as Hungary's counterterrorism coordinator in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade between 2010 and 2012.

Dr. Hetesy earned a PhD and a JD from the School of Law of the University of Pécs, Hungary. He also holds a Master of Laws Degree (LLM) from the College of William and Mary, Marshall Wythe School of Law, Williamsburg, Virginia, USA.

Dr. Hetesy is married to Dr. Katalin Hetesy and he is a proud father of two daughters.