



# **North Macedonia's Leadership of the OSCE in a Time of War**

## **Witness Biography**

### **Bujar Osmani**

**2023 OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Minister of Foreign Affairs of North Macedonia**

Mr. Osmani started his professional career as a medical doctor in 2004 at the St. Naum of Ohrid Surgical Diseases University Clinic in Skopje. From 2008 – 2011, he served as Minister of Health. In 2011, he was also appointed as the Public Relations Secretary of the leadership of the Democratic Union for Integration political party.

In 2017, Mr. Osmani was appointed Deputy Prime Minister in charge of European Affairs. As the head of the Secretariat for European Affairs, Mr. Osmani simultaneously discharged the duties of National Coordinator for Distribution of Foreign Assistance and IPA Funds in the country. In 2018, Mr. Osmani was appointed Head of the National Delegation and Chief Negotiator with the European Union.

Mr. Osmani is a standing member of the Government Crisis Headquarters dealing with the COVID-19 crisis, and in the first half of 2020, Mr. Osmani was Chief Coordinator of Local Crisis Headquarters and the Crisis Headquarters for the City of Skopje.

On 30 August 2020, Bujar Osmani was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of North Macedonia. After the formal start of EU accession negotiations, in September 2022 Osmani was once again appointed Head of the National Delegation.

Mr. Osmani is married and a father of two children. He is fluent in Albanian (mother tongue), Macedonian, English, and some French.