

LIEUTENANT GENERAL WOLFGANG WOSOLSOBE (AT)



Born in 1955, Lieutenant General Wolfgang WOSOLSOBE started his military career in 1974 at the “Theresianische Militärakademie” in Wiener Neustadt, Austria and was commissioned as an Infantry Officer in 1977. Assignments as Company Commander (infantry) and instructor at the Military Academy followed.

He attended the General Staff Officers Course of the Austrian Armed Forces (1982-1985) and during two following years occupied a post as Defence planner.

In 1987 and 1988, he joined the French “École Supérieure de Guerre Interarmées” and the “Cours Supérieur Interarmées” which offered him the full range of joint staff training and a good command of the French language.

Two additional years as Defence planner (1989-1990) were accompanied by functions as lecturer for strategic management methods at the Austrian Defence Academy and as Chief of Staff of the Territorial Command of Salzburg.

In 1991, he joined the Austrian Diplomatic Mission in Geneva as a Military Advisor for Disarmament. This 15 month period in Geneva offered, beyond a first experience in multilateral military diplomacy, a broad range of contacts with other Geneva based institutions, including the Graduate Institute for International Studies. His international career continued with the assignment as Defence Attaché (colonel) to France, from 1992 to 1997.

Back to Austria, he took over command of the Austrian Special Forces for the period 1997-1998, where he joined the efforts of his predecessors to pave the way for the international employment of this force. After his return to the MoD, he was appointed Director for Military Policy in 1999, a post which he occupied until 2005. He was promoted to Brigadier General in 2001. During these 6 years, he contributed to shaping the international posture of the Austrian Armed forces. During the defence reform process, conducted during this period, Brigadier General WOSOLSOBE largely contributed to the adaptation of Austria’s defence policy to new realities, particularly to ESDP.

This laid the groundwork for his appointment as Defence Policy Director during the Austrian presidency of the EU-Council in 2006. From there, he joined Brussels as Military Representative in 2007 and was promoted to Major General in June of the same year.

During his period as Military Representative, he served as Dean of the EU Military Committee in 2009 and 2010. In 2012, he was elected to the post of Director General of the EU Military Staff. He takes over this appointment on 28 May 2013. In March 2013, he was promoted to Lieutenant General. Lieutenant General WOSOLSOBE is married and has two sons and two stepsons.