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Doru Costea (b. 1953) was with Romania's Ministry of Foreign Affairs between February 1990 and July 2017, where he was successively deputy-director for the Middle East and North Africa (1990-1991), head of the Policy Planning Group (1995-1997), director of Analysis and Information Coordination Department (2001-2003) and Secretary of State for Global Affairs (2009-2011).

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