

# Dr Alex Cooke

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Dr Cooke is the department's Counsellor based at the Australian Embassy and Permanent Mission to the European Union in Brussels.

Dr Cooke's role is to:

- manage the relationship between Australia and European countries in relation to innovation, industry, science, research, education and resources matters
- advance the portfolio's interests across Europe
- facilitate bilateral relationships and dialogue between Australia and European countries.



Dr Cooke has most recently worked in the Science Policy Branch of the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science, with responsibility for domestic and international science matters, and as Senior Science Adviser to the Hon Greg Hunt MP, Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science. Dr Cooke supported the development of science-related measures under the Australian Government's National Innovation and Science Agenda, including the Global Innovation Strategy and policies to inspire Australians to engage with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Dr Cooke has worked with Australia's Chief Scientist to provide advice to Government on a range of education, science and innovation policies.

Prior to that Dr Cooke has worked in research and higher education policy in the Department of Education and the Australian Research Council, where he supported the creation of the Excellence in Research for Australia initiative.

Dr Cooke has a PhD in Philosophy from Monash University.