

## **Gábor Baranyai**

Mr Baranyai (42) has spent most of his professional life handling EU and international environmental affairs. He graduated in 1997 from the Law Faculty of the Eötvös Loránd University of Budapest and earned a Master of Law degree (LL.M.) in environmental law at the University College London in 1998. Between 1999 and 2003 he was Hungary's environmental attaché to the European Communities in Brussels where he was responsible for the accession negotiations. Following his return to Hungary he has held various positions in the Ministry of Environment and Water of Hungary covering areas ranging from EU decision-making, international affairs to the national enforcement of environmental law. Following a two year stay at the Office of Hungary's Parliamentary Ombudsman for Future Generations Mr Baranyai became Deputy State Secretary for EU Sectoral Policies at the the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2010. In September Mr Baranyai was appointed as Ministerial Commissioner for the Sustainable Use of Transboundary Natural Resource at the Ministry of Justice, responsible among other for the Gabčíkovo-Nagymaros dam litigation between Hungary and Slovakia.

Mr Baranyai has lectured and published extensively on EU decision-making procedures, EU lobbying and environmental law. He is currently working on his PhD thesis on the legal aspects of transboundary water cooperation in the European Union.