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Ambassador Bezhuashvili is a career diplomat and Georgian politician. His public service started in the Foreign Ministry, where he worked for a number of years in different positions. He served as the Deputy Minister of Defense and then as the first civilian Defense Minister (200-2004) and the Foreign Minister (2005-2008). He was Georgian Intelligence Service Director (2008-2013) and the Assistant to the President of Georgia on National Security Issues - Secretary of the National Security Council (2005).

Ambassador Bezhuashvili holds Bachelor of Arts (BA), Master of Laws (LL.M) from the Ukrainian Institute of International Relations and International Law, Kiev State University, Faculty of International Law (1991). He also holds: Master in Public Administration (MPA) degree, from JFK School of Government, Harvard University (2011) and Master of Laws (LL.M) -International and Comparative Law from Southern Methodist University (SMU) School of Law, USA.

December 2014 to present: Member of International Advisory Council, Foundation Dom Cabral Business School, Brazil; Member of Adaptive leadership Alumni Association, HKS Harvard University; Advisory Board, San Diego State University; Advisory Board, City College European Campus(Greece),York University, UK; Chairman of the Supervisory Board, European School.

Ambassador Bezhuashvili was awarded: Ukraine's national award – I rank Order of Merit (2006); Estonia national award - Order of Maarjamaa Rist (Order of the Cross of Terra Mariana) - III rank(2007) and Georgian national award - Vakhtang Gorgasal's Order -I rank (2013).