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Sarah Lambert joined the European Commission in 1995 after fifteen years as a foreign correspondent reporting from all over Europe, including Brussels. Lambert has been head of the political section in the Madrid office since 2010. She had previously worked as head of office in London, responsible for government relations and public diplomacy in the UK, where she started out in 2003 as head of political and regional affairs. In 1999, she joined the policy unit of the commission department responsible for development of the EU single market. Her first job had been as spokeswoman and head of communications in the private office of UK Commissioner Neil Kinnock.

Lambert received a degree in political science at Bristol University and a post-graduate degree in journalism before joining Reuters, leaving to help set up the London-based *Independent* newspaper, where she reported from all over Europe on the collapse of communism and its aftermath. A true European, she met her Spanish husband in a bookshop in Luxembourg while waiting for a European Council meeting to end. They married in the UK, and their two children were born in Belgium. While in the U.S., she is researching issues of citizenship, participatory democracy, and the democratic deficit in Europe.