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Petri Hakkarainen is the Director General for Political Affairs at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland (2023-).

As Political Director, he leads the Political Department of the Ministry, responsible for matters relating to Finland's foreign and security policy in general, a wide variety of global political and security issues, as well as international organizations.

Prior to his current position, Petri served as Director of Foreign and Security Policy at the Office of the President of Finland (2018-2023).

Petri joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2006 and has worked at the Embassies of Finland in Berlin (2007-2012) and in Washington, D.C. (2017-2018). At the Ministry in Helsinki, he has been the Deputy Director for Policy Planning (2013-2015).

During a leave of absence from the Finnish foreign service, Petri worked on energy and climate issues at the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies in Potsdam (2012-2013). The Foreign Ministry also seconded him for a two-year teaching and research assignment at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (2015-2017).

Petri holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Modern History from the University of Oxford and a Master of Social Sciences degree in Political History and Political Science from the University of Helsinki. He is married and has one child.



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