

Arja Makkonen

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Ms. Arja Makkonen is Ambassador of Finland to Lithuania since September 2020.

Before her current position, she served four years as roving ambassador of Finland to the South Caucasus, covering Armenia, Azerbaidzhan and Georgia from 2016 to 2020. Prior to that, she served as ambassador of Finland to Ukraine from 2011-2015.

Ms. Makkonen has also gained valuable experience as Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassies of Finland in Moscow (2007-2011), in Warsaw (2003-2007) and in Kuala Lumpur (1994-95). From 1990 to 1994, she worked at the Finland's Permanent Mission to European Union in Brussels and from 1995-1998 in Paris working with media as press counsellor.

At the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Helsinki, she served as diplomatic adviser to the Minister for Foreign Trade and European Affairs and she also worked in the EU-secretariat.

Ms. Makkonen has worked for the Ministry for Foreign Affairs since 1989. In 2015, the President of Finland awarded Ms. Makkonen the Commander of the Order of the Lion of Finland.

In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family, which includes also a handsome amstaff, relaxing in Finnish sauna, reading and learning languages. During holidays, travelling and country life in Northern Karelia are close to her heart.

