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Mikael Antell is the Deputy Director General for Political Affairs at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland (2022-). During 2023, he served as the Chief negotiator for the Defence Co-operation Agreement (DCA) negotiations between Finland and the USA.

Mikael joined the Finnish Foreign Service in 1995 and has since then engaged in particular with issues related to security policy, Nordic cooperation and European Union.

Prior to his current position, Mikael was the Finnish Ambassador to Norway (2018-2022) and Minister and Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Finland in Stockholm (2013-2018).

Mikael has served as Deputy Head of Unit for Northern Europe (2010-2013), focusing on relations with Nordic countries, and as Deputy Director at the Unit for General EU-affairs (2008-2010), working on Finnish EU policy.

Mikael has been Counsellor at the Embassy of Finland in Copenhagen (2003-2008) and Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Finland in Santiago de Chile.

During the first Finnish presidency of the Council of the European Union (1999), he worked at the EU Secretariat. Before that (1995-1998) he served as EU Information Officer at Europe Information at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Mikael holds a Master's Degree in Political Science. He is married with two children.



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