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Ambassador Ville Cantell is the Ambassador of Finland to Iceland. He has served in his current position since September 2025.

Ambassador Cantell joined the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland in 2003 and prior to his position as Ambassador to Iceland, he worked as a Senior Adviser on the Nordics and Baltics in the Euroatlantic department (2024-2025). Previously he has worked as Director of the Unit for Communications on Sustainable Communications and Trade (2020-2024), and as Director of the Unit for Communications on Europe and the Neighbouring Areas (2015-2020). Between 2013-2015 he worked as Deputy Director of Public Diplomacy, Editor-in-Chief, and headed Team Finland communications.

Abroad, his career in the diplomatic service includes posts as Deputy Head of Mission at Embassy of Finland in Brazil and Ljubljana where he also served as chargé d'affaires ad interim. Ambassador Cantell has also been posted to the Embassy of Finland in Berlin and has worked as Desk Officer for the Nordic Countries in the Department for Europe as well as in various positions in the Department for Development Policy and with consular affairs in the Legal department. Prior to joining the Foreign Service he worked as a lawyer in one of the leading commercial law firms in Helsinki.

Ambassador Cantell holds Master of Law degrees from both the University of Uppsala in Sweden and the University of Helsinki in Finland. He speaks Finnish and Swedish as native languages and in addition English, German and Portuguese.

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