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Ambassador Vilen has a long and distinguished career in Finnish politics and diplomacy.

His career includes two terms as a Member of Finnish parliament and a Minister of European Affairs and Foreign Trade in the Finnish government. After his political career, he has served as Finnish ambassador to Hungary, Poland and Canada and EU ambassador to the Council of Europe.

He has also served as an ambassador for Barents and Northern Dimension policies in which role he was chairing Finnish Barents Euro-Arctic Council presidency 2021-23. Currently his is Finland's Indo-Pacific ambassador.

Ambassador Vilen's career includes also service as a Senior Advisor in Arctic policy matters in the EPSC and IDEA, the in-house think tanks of the European Commission serving Commission presidents Jean-Claude Juncker and Ursula von der Leyen.

Ambassador Vilén is from Lapland and hold Master of Education Degree from University of Oulu and he has studied EU politics in the Trinity College, Dublin.

