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Marianne Nissilä is the Deputy Director General of the Department for International Trade at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland since September 2023. The Department is responsible for designing and implementing Finland's trade policy, including EU's trade policy, market access and regulatory questions, as well as matters relating to export control and trade promotion.

Prior to her current position Ms Nissilä served between 2019-23 as Ambassador in the United Arab Emirates. She was also accredited to Bahrain and acted as Permanent Representative to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).

Ms Nissilä has also served as Ambassador for Education Export in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Her first two decades of diplomatic service concentrated on European affairs, including postings in Embassies in Paris and the Hague as well as eight years at Finland's Permanent Representation to the EU (2008- 2016) including management and coordination roles as the Deputy Permanent Representative (Coreper I Ambassador) and Antici Counsellor. Between 2003-2005 Ms Nissilä served as Diplomatic Advisor to the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Ms Nissilä joined the Foreign Ministry in 1996. Her education includes Maîtrise en Politique Internationale from Université Libre de Bruxelles and Bachelor of Social Sciences in International Relations from University of Tampere.

Ms Nissilä is a sports, culture and food lover who can be found in her free time on golf course, at cultural events or in kitchen with her family. Ms Nissilä is married and has one adult child.

