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Anne Meskanen is the Ambassador of Finland to Lebanon and Jordan and serves as the Chargée d’Affaires to Syria. She has extensive experience of conflict and post-conflict countries, peace processes, civilian crisis management and nation-building.

Prior to her current position, Anne served as the Head of Mission a.i. of EUAM Baghdad focusing on EU civilian crisis management. Besides EU Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) action, she has almost 30 years of solid diplomatic experience. She has held positions as the Ambassador of Finland to Afghanistan, Head of Mission at the Embassy of Finland in Kosovo and Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Finland in Damascus amongst others.

Anne has always given particular attention to conflict resolution, mediation and leadership and inclusion. She has actively promoted the Women, Peace and Security agenda both in Finland and at international forums. She is committed to advancing gender equality, the rights of minorities and most vulnerable groups, and she is also a well-known pioneer in empowering women and girls through sports.

Anne joined the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland in 1996. She graduated from the University of Helsinki in 1994 with a MSc in Political Science. She has also studied at Sorbonne, in Paris.

In her free time Anne is active with sports, especially long distance running, strength training and scuba diving. She also loves reading and enjoys solo-travels to exotic places with her backpack.

