

Antti Helanterä

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H.E Antti Helanterä is the Ambassador of Finland to the Russian Federation. Antti Helanterä became the Ambassador of Finland to the Russian Federation in September 2020. Prior to that in 2016-2019 Ambassador Helanterä worked as the DHOM of the Embassy of Finland to the Russian Federation.

Apart from Moscow, he has also served (2013-2016) in the Permanent Representation of Finland to the European Union as the COEST Delegate and (2019-2020) as the Head of the Host Country Secretariat of the XLIII Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (the meeting was cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic). In 2010-2013 he was the Deputy Head of Policy Planning Unit in the MFA.

He joined the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland in 2004. In 2008-2010, Helanterä worked as an advisor in the East Office of Finnish Industries.

Ambassador Helanterä was born in 1971 in Helsinki, Finland, but grew up in Lahti. He studied at the Helsinki University, Department of Geography. He holds Licentiate degree in Geography (Lic. Sc.) Ambassador Helanterä is, in addition to the native Finnish, fluent in English, Swedish and Russian.

He was awarded (together with Veli-Pekka Tynkkynen) the Tieto-Finlandia Prize for the best non-fiction book published in Finland in 2002 (in Finnish “Maantieteelle Venäjä ei voi mitään”/Russia’s geographic dead end).

He currently holds the military rank of lieutenant.

He enjoys reading and writing, watching movies and football.

He is married to Liudmila Helanterä. They have two sons.

