

Leena <u>Gardemei</u>ster

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Leena Gardemeister has acted as Ambassador of Finland to Ireland from September 2023.

Prior to her current position, Leena was the Deputy Director General at the Department for International Trade (2019-2023) and Ambassador of Finland to Tunisia and Libya (2017-2019). Leena joined the Finnish Foreign Service in 1997.

Leena has served as Minister and Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Finland in London (2013-2017), Director of Export Control Unit at the Department of External Economic Relations (2010-2013), Counsellor and Coordinator for Policy Coherence at the Department for Development Policy (2009-2010) and Counsellor for Arms Trade at the Political Department (2007-2009).

Leena has acted in several positions in Finland's Missions abroad, as First Secretary at the Permanent Representation of Finland to the EU, First Secretary at the Mission of Finland to NATO and Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Finland in Kuala Lumpur.

Leena holds a Master's Degree in Social Sciences (International Politics).

