

# Nina Vaskunlahti

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**Ms Nina Vaskunlahti has been serving as the Ambassador of Finland to Austria and Permanent Representative of Finland to the International Organizations in Vienna (excl. OSCE) since September 2023.**

Ms Vaskunlahti (born 1959) joined the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in 1984, after graduating from the University of Turku in 1983 with a Master's Degree in Political Sciences. Since then, she has served in various functions at Finland's bilateral missions to Mexico, Australia and the Russian Federation. She was also seconded to the Office of the High Representative to Bosnia and Herzegovina. Her most recent assignments prior to assuming her current post included Under-Secretary of State for International Trade (June 2019 – August 2023), Ambassador of Finland to India and Bangladesh (September 2016 – June 2019), and previously Ambassador to Turkey (September 2012 - August 2016) as well as Director General of the Department for Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland. Ms Vaskunlahti has held various functions at the Finnish Permanent Representation to the European Union, including the position of Deputy Permanent Representative (August 2004 – August 2008).

After nearly four decades spent in foreign affairs, Ms. Vaskunlahti strongly believes in the strength of international cooperation and dialogue. Irrespective of country or posting, she bases her work on the Finnish strongholds of equality, innovativeness and trustworthiness. She has always been a strong advocate for gender equality.

