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Ambassador Jori Arvonen started as Finland's Permanent Representative to the European Union in September 2024. Before moving to Brussels Mr. Arvonen was State Under-Secretary for European Affairs in the Finnish Prime Ministers Private Office. He served Prime Minister Petteri Orpo as his representative in the network of advisers ("Sherpas") of the EU Heads of State or Government.

Jori Arvonen joined Prime Minister Orpo's team from consultant agency Miltton where he lead cooperation between the company's public affairs operations in different countries.

Between 2011 and 2022, Arvonen served under five Prime Ministers from three political parties as State Under-Secretary for EU Affairs at the Governments EU Secretariat. This was preceded by a political career as an Adviser to the Minister for Foreign Affairs in 2007–2011, as Director of International Affairs at the National Coalition Party (EPP member party) in 1998–2007 and in the European Parliament in 1996 after Finland had just joined the European Union.

Ambassador Arvonen has held a number of positions of responsibility in politics and in civil service. He was in charge of establishment and served as Chair of the Steering Board of the European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats since its establishment in 2017 to 2024. Hybrid CoE is an intergovernmental organization of 36 EU and NATO member states with a 40 strong headquarters in Helsinki.

Jori Arvonen has a Master of Arts degree in International Affairs.

The family consists of his wife and an adult daughter. The couple spends most of their weekends in a very typical Finnish way: at a holiday home by a lake. In addition to this Jori Arvonen plays golf and tennis, runs and swims, skis - like all the Finns - and is a mediocre horseback rider who likes cooking for his family and friends.

