



Marja Liivala

Ambassador

Embassy of Finland in the Russian Federation

H.E. Marja Liivala is the Ambassador of Finland to the Russian Federation since September 2024.

She moved to Moscow from the position of Director General of the Department for Russia, Eastern Europe and Central Asia at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, which she held since 2021.

Prior to this, Ms. Liivala worked for three years as Finland's Roving Ambassador in three Central Asian states Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. In 2017-2018, Ambassador Liivala was Senior Adviser in the Unit for North America of the Department for the Americas and Asia.

Ms. Liivala's career has focused on various tasks and responsibilities related to Russia in both the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Moscow. She joined the diplomatic service in 1997, following four years in export promotion in Finland's Trade Center in Moscow, under the Association for Foreign Trade. As a diplomat, she has been posted twice before at the Embassy of Finland in Moscow, including in 2008-2012 as Head of the Economy and Trade Section.

Ambassador Liivala, born in 1964, holds a Master's degree in Social Sciences (Political History) from the University of Helsinki. She is married with two adult children.

