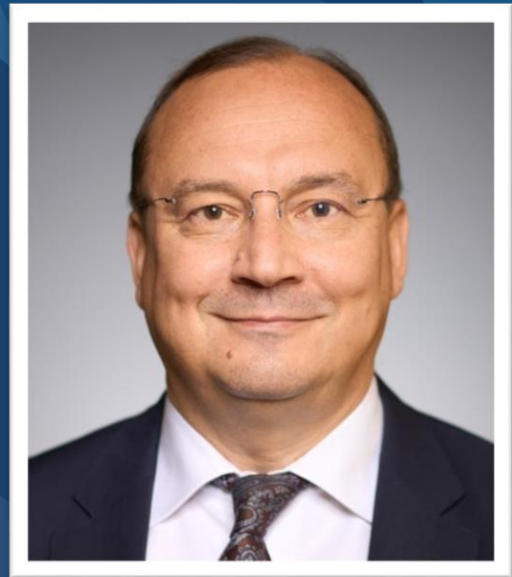


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His Excellency Jari Vilén is the Ambassador of Finland to Canada since 1st of September 2023.

Prior to his posting to Canada, H.E. Vilén served as the Ambassador of Finland to the Barents and Northern Dimension, serving simultaneously as the chairman of the Finnish Barents Euro-Arctic Council presidency. In these capacities H.E. Vilén focused on a wide range of arctic and Barents issues as well as regional cooperation formats.

Mr. Vilén has previously served as an Ambassador of Finland in Hungary and Poland.

He has also served as an Ambassador of the European Union to the Council of Europe as well as the Ambassador and Senior Adviser for Arctic Policy at the EU Commission in president Jean-Claude Juncker's in-house think tank EPSC.

In addition to H.E. Vilén's experience in postings abroad, he has also served as the Minister for Foreign Trade, Minister for European Affairs and a member of the Parliament of Finland where he served as a chairman of the Grand Committee and member of Foreign Affairs Committee.

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