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Ambassador Lauri Hirvonen started as Finland's Deputy Permanent Representative to the European Union in September 2024.

Before starting in Brussels, Mr. Hirvonen served as Director for Common Foreign and Security Policy at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland. His responsibilities included coordinating Finland's policy on the European Common Foreign and Security Policy.

From 2020 to 2022, Hirvonen served as Deputy Director for Security Policy and Crisis Management. He also played a key role in drafting Finland's Government White Paper on "The Changing Security Environment," which was pivotal for Finland's NATO accession.

During the Finnish EU Presidency in 2019 he chaired the Enlargement Working Party of the Council. From August 2018 to July 2020, Hirvonen was Delegate for Enlargement and Western Balkans at Finland's Permanent Representation.

Earlier in his career, Hirvonen served as Deputy Director for South Eastern Europe and Enlargement (2016–2018). He also held roles as Deputy Director for Arms Control, Disarmament, and Non-Proliferation (2014–2016), Minister-Counsellor at the Embassy of Finland to Austria (2010–2014), and as First Secretary at Finland's Mission to NATO (2007–2010), focusing on NATO-Russia relations and Western Balkans enlargement.

Lauri Hirvonen has a Master's degree in Political Science and Master's degree in Arts majoring in Art History. The family consist of his wife and two daughters. In spare time he plays football and basketball, skis and likes to attend cultural events.

