Lauri Hirvonen

Deputy Permanent Representative of Finland to the European Union

Permanent Representation of Finland to the European Union



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

Prior to his current role in Brussels, Mr. Hirvonen served as Director for Common Foreign and Security Policy at Finland's Ministry for Foreign Affairs, where he coordinated Finland's policy on the European Common Foreign and Security Policy. From 2020 to 2022, he held the position of Deputy Director for Security Policy and Crisis Management, playing a pivotal role in drafting Finland's Government White Paper on "The Changing Security Environment," which was instrumental in Finland's NATO accession.

During Finland's EU Presidency in 2019, Mr. Hirvonen chaired the Enlargement Working Party of the Council. He also served as Delegate for Enlargement and Western Balkans at Finland's Permanent Representation from 2018 to 2020. Earlier in his career, he was Deputy Director for South Eastern Europe and Enlargement (2016–2018), Deputy Director for Arms Control, Disarmament, and Non-Proliferation (2014–2016), Minister-Counsellor at Finland's Embassy to Austria (2010–2014), and First Secretary at Finland's Mission to NATO (2007–2010), with a focus on NATO-Russia relations and Western Balkans enlargement.

Mr. Hirvonen holds Master's degrees in Political Science and Art History. He is married and has two daughters. In his leisure time, he enjoys football, basketball, skiing, and cultural events.