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**Ambassador, Dr. Sini Paukkunen-Mykkänen is the Head of Mission at the Permanent Representation of Finland to the Council of Europe in Strasbourg from September 1, 2023.**

Prior to her current position Sini served as the Director of the Unit for Policy Planning and Research at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland (2017-2023).

Sini has a broad expertise in the fields of human rights, development policy and in multilateral cooperation (UN, OSCE, CoE). She is very familiar with EU affairs having served at the Permanent Representation of Finland to the EU during 2003-2007. Sini has also had shorter postings in Cairo and in Bogotá. She joined the Foreign Service in 2001 after having worked several years in Africa.

Sini received her PhD degree in Political Science as well as additional Masters' Degrees in Social Anthropology and Theology from the University of Helsinki. She is also an alumna from the United World College (UWC) of Adriatic in Italy. Sini is married and a mother of two daughters. In her free time she enjoys marathon running as well contributing to a project of collecting contemporary paintings from all over the world.

