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Education Master of Arts (General History), University of Jyväskylä, Finland, 1996

Professional career

Head of Delegation, European Union Delegation to Zimbabwe, Harare, Zimbabwe, 1.9. 2018-

Ambassador, Embassy of Finland in Lusaka, Zambia; 1.9. 2014- 31.8.2018

Director, Unit for General Development Policy and Planning, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Helsinki, Finland; 1.6. 2010- 31.8. 2014

Seconded National Expert, European Commission, DG Development and Relations with ACP states, Brussels, Belgium; 1.5. 2008- 30.4.2010

First Secretary (Development Policy and Cooperation, Relations with ACP-states and Africa), Permanent Representation of Finland to the EU, Brussels; 1.9.2005- 30.4.2008

Second Secretary (Political and UN-affairs), Deputy Permanent Representative of Finland to UN Environment Program (UNEP) and UN Center for Human Settlements (Habitat); Embassy of Finland, Nairobi, Kenya; 1.7.2001- 30.8.2005

Assistant European Correspondent (EU Common Foreign and Security Policy), Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland; 1.7.2000- 30.6. 2001

Attaché (Small Arms and Central Asian issues), Permanent Representation of Finland to the OSCE, Vienna, Austria; 1.4. 2000- 30.6. 2000

Attaché (EU-Mediterranean affairs, Iran and the Gulf states), Unit for North Africa and the Middle East, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland; 1.3.1999- 31.1. 2000

EU-Assistant (EU education policy), Ministry of Education of Finland; 1.4. 1998- 31.1. 1999

Teacher (General History and History of Culture), The Alkio-college, Korpilahti, Finland; 3.4.1997- 31.3.1998

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