



Taneli Lahti

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Mr Taneli Lahti took office as Director for Sustainable Finance, Investment and Jobs at DG INTPA of the European Commission on 1 May 2026. With over 30 years of experience in economic, foreign and European affairs, Mr Lahti brings a strong track record in steering policy development, strategic coordination, and high-level decision-making. Mr Lahti has played a key role in advancing major EU initiatives, particularly in areas such as economic policy, international economic relations and international partnerships.

Before his current position Mr Lahti, a Finnish national, was Director and deputy Managing Director in the European External Action Service for economic and global affairs. During President von der Leyen's first Commission, he was Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Jutta Urpilainen for International Partnerships. In 2016-19, Mr Lahti was director for EU affairs and trade policy at EK, the Confederation of Finnish Industries. During first years of the Juncker Commission, he led the Cabinet of Vice-President Dombrovskis for the Euro and Social Dialogue, and before that, briefly the cabinet of Vice-President Katainen for Economic and Monetary Affairs and the Euro. From 2009 to 2014 he served as Member of Cabinet to Commissioner Olli Rehn in both the Enlargement and Economic portfolios. In 2006-08 he was Head of the Political Section at the Commission Delegation in Russia. Before joining the Commission in 2004, he held various positions in Finland's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including in the Finnish Embassy in Moscow and in the Permanent Representation of Finland to the EU.