



Kirsi Henriksson

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Kirsi Henriksson was appointed Deputy Managing Director for the Civilian Planning and Conduct Capability (CPCC) and Deputy Civilian Operations Commander of the European Union's civilian crisis management operations on 16 February 2024.

The Deputy Managing Director / Deputy Civilian Operations Commander represents and assumes the tasks of the Managing Director of the CPCC / Civilian Operations Commander in his/her absence including in operational command decision making and the planning and conduct of Missions. In this capacity, the Deputy Managing Director, provides assistance and advice to the Managing Director and organises and coordinates the activities of the MD CPCC and its staff, contributing to define its strategic objectives within the overall EU policy framework.

In her previous post, Kirsi Henriksson was the Director of Crisis Management Centre (CMC) Finland, which is a governmental agency operating in conjunction with the Ministry of the Interior. CMC Finland acts as a national head office for all deployed Finnish civilian experts for international peacebuilding, conflict prevention and stabilization operations (UN, EU, OSCE) as well as elections observation missions (EU, OSCE). Ms Henriksson has extensive experience of EU Common Defense and Security Policy Civilian Missions. She was Head of the EUCAP Sahel Niger Mission (2016-2018) and Deputy Head of EUCAP Sahel Mali Mission (2014-2016). She also worked in EUBAM Libya Mission (2013-2014) and EUJUST LEX-Iraq Mission (2010-2011). Before her current and international posts, she worked as a researcher and lecturer at the University of Tampere and Tampere Peace Research Institute in Finland.