

# TUULI DUNETON

## Undersecretary for Defence Policy

### Estonian Ministry of Defence



Tuuli Duneton assumed the position of Undersecretary for Defence Policy at the Estonian Ministry of Defence in February 2022. The Undersecretary for Defence Policy coordinates the work of Policy Planning Department, NATO and EU Department, and International Cooperation Department, and is accordingly responsible for the coordination of policy planning, defining Estonian positions in NATO and EU defence policy matters, and international cooperation in various defence-related formats.

Ms Duneton joined the Estonian Ministry of Defence in 2005 and worked at the Policy Planning Department in different capacities. In 2009-2010, she was posted to NATO International Staff as an Estonian expert in the Defence Policy and Planning Division, where she contributed to the preparation of NATO Defence Ministers' meetings and NATO Secretary General's bilateral meetings, but also to developing a post-conflict stabilisation and reconstruction policy for NATO.

In 2010-2012, Tuuli Duneton continued her career at the Estonian Ministry of Defence as the Director of NATO and EU Department. Thereafter, in 2012, she returned to Brussels for three years as the Director of Defence Section and Defence Counsellor at the Estonian Permanent Representation to NATO. In this capacity she played a crucial role in promoting Estonian proposals how NATO should be adapted to strengthen the deterrence and defence of NATO Allies.

Prior to undertaking her current position, Tuuli Duneton served as the Director of Policy Planning Department from 2017-2022. In that position, she oversaw the analysis of the security environment and developed proposals for necessary changes in the defence posture of Estonia and NATO. Her responsibilities also included intelligence coordination in the Ministry of Defence area of government, cooperation with think tanks and development of policy for Estonian Defence Forces' participation in international military operations.

Tuuli Duneton earned a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy from National Defense University of the United States in 2017. She also holds another Master's degree (2004) and Bachelor's degree (2002) in International Relations and Political science from University of Paris 1 PanthéonSorbonne. In 2000, she received her first Bachelor's degree in French language and literature from the University of Tartu. In 2009, Ms Duneton graduated from Estonian Government Office's Newton Leadership Programme, tailored for future senior executives in Estonian public sector.

Ms Duneton has been awarded with the fifth class of the Order of the White Star by the President of the Republic of Estonia and the third class of the Cross of Merit of the Estonian Ministry of Defence.

Tuuli Duneton is married and has one son.