

## **Gert Auväärt**

### **Ambassador of Estonia to Canada**



Prior to the appointment by the President of the Republic of Estonia in July 2026 as Ambassador of Estonia to Canada, Gert Auväärt was for the past 5 years the Director of National Cyber Security Centre / Deputy Director General of RIA ([www.ria.ee](http://www.ria.ee)). In his role, he led the NCSC-EE work on increasing cyber resilience across government and national critical infrastructure, awareness raising on cyber threats in the wider society as well as developing the Estonian Information Security Standard. He was also responsible for overseeing the work of CERT-EE and the 24/7 Security Operations Centre.

Before his role as the Chief of the Cyber Security Centre of Estonia, Mr Auväärt has served as a diplomat for 16 years, in various posts covering wider security policy. He has served in the Estonian Embassy in The Hague from 2008-2011 and two postings in New York. He was serving as the Deputy Representative of Estonia to the UN Security Council during Estonia's Presidency of the UN Security Council. In February 2022 he was awarded the Order of Merit of the White Star by the President of Estonia for outstanding diplomatic service. In July 2026 Latvia's Minister of Defence awarded him with a Badge of Honor for outstanding contribution to cyber cooperation between Estonia and Latvia.

Mr Auväärt holds a Master of Laws (LL.M) degree in Public International Law from Helsinki University, Finland and has completed Cyber Security Programs in George C. Marshall Centre of European Centre for Security Studies and European Security and Defence College.

He is married with two children. In his free time, he enjoys sailing and boating and travelling with his family.