

Kadi Silde

Ms Kadi Silde is the Undersecretary for Defence Policy at the Estonian Ministry of Defence since January 2019. The Undersecretary for Defence Policy coordinates policy planning, NATO and EU matters, and international cooperation in the ministry.

Prior to becoming the Undersecretary for Defence Policy, she was seconded to the European Commission where she worked on the European Defence Fund.

Ms Silde joined the Ministry of Defence in 2008 and worked on issues pertaining to bilateral cooperation, arms control, and NATO policy. She was responsible for providing advice on collective defence issues, such as NATO's defence and deterrence posture during the period following the annexation of Crimea.

From 2014 to 2017, she served first as the Deputy Director and then Director of the Policy Planning Department at the Ministry of Defence coordinating defence policy analysis and planning.

During 2017, she served as the coordinator for the Ministry of Defence at the Estonian Permanent Representation to EU, in charge of defence matters during the Estonian EU Council Presidency.

Kadi Silde holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Tartu University and a Master of Arts in International Relations in Tallinn University.

She has been honoured twice with the Estonian Defence Ministry Cross of Merit (3rd class) - for her contribution to developing NATO policy in 2015 and for her contribution to Estonia's EU Council Presidency in 2018.