



Jonatan Vsevirov
Secretary General

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of
Estonia

Jonatan Vsevirov assumed office as the Secretary General of Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in February 2021.

Before assuming his current duties, Vsevirov served as Estonia's Ambassador to the United States since August 2018.

Between 2008 and 2018 Vsevirov worked at the Estonian Ministry of Defense, rising to the post of Permanent Secretary. Until his appointment as Permanent Secretary in January 2016, Vsevirov served as the Undersecretary for Defense Planning, the Acting Undersecretary for Defense Policy, and Director of Policy Planning. During his tenure at the Defense Ministry, Vsevirov had a leading role in shaping Estonia's defense policy both domestically as well as internationally. He is the author of the Concept for Comprehensive Approach to Defense (2009) and the National Defense Strategy of 2010 – documents that led to significant conceptual change in organizing defense in Estonia. In 2012, he was one of the leading authors of the National Defense Development Plan 2013-2022. He has been involved with the preparation and implementation of NATO's present deterrence and defense posture, including the execution of NATO's enhanced Forward Presence in the Baltic States and Poland.

Jonatan Vsevirov has completed military service and is a reserve officer. He is a graduate of the Department of Political Science at the University of Tartu and has earned a Master's degree, with honors, in security studies from Georgetown University's Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service.

Jonatan Vsevirov has been awarded the Third Class of the Order of the White Star by the President of Estonia, the First and Third Classes of the Cross of Merit of the Ministry of Defense, the Estonian Defense Forces distinguished service decoration (twice), the First Class Cross of Merit of the Estonian Foreign Intelligence Service and the Medal of Honorary Recognition by the Latvian Ministry of Defense.

Jonatan Vsevirov was born on 14 August 1981. He is a husband and a father of two children.