

Henrik Hololei,

**Director-General for Mobility and Transport,
European Commission**



Educated at Tallinn Technical University (Economics MSc) and Aarhus University, Denmark (Political Science and International Economy), Mr. Hololei's career began in 1993 as Assistant Trade Commissioner at the Finnish Foreign Trade Association. Between 1995 and 2004, he held various positions in Government Office in Tallinn, starting as a Counsellor to the Minister for European Affairs and moving upwards to become Director of the Office of European Integration, Chairman of the Estonian Council of Senior Civil Servants for EU Integration, and Chief Government Counsellor of EU Affairs.

In 2001-2002, Mr. Hololei was a Member of the Government as Minister of the Economy and he represented the Estonian Government in being nominated Member of the Convention for the Future of Europe in 2002-2003.

In 2004, he moved to Brussels and the European Commission as Head of Cabinet of Commissioner and Vice President, Siim Kallas, a position that Mr. Hololei held during both of Mr. Kallas's mandates; the first dealing with Administration, Audit and Anti-Fraud and the second dealing with Transport.

In November 2013, Mr. Hololei became Deputy Secretary General of the European Commission and as of 1 October 2015 he became Director-General for Mobility and Transport.

Mr. Hololei is Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Estonian School of Diplomacy, Member of the Board of the Institute of Social Sciences of Tallinn University, and Member of the Advisory Council of the Baltic Development Forum.

He has been awarded the Grand Cross of the Lion of Finland by the President of Finland, the 3rd Class Order of the White Star by the President of Estonia, the *Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mérite* by the President of France, and the Commander of the 3rd Class Order of the Cross of Recognition by the President of Latvia. In 2014, Mr. Hololei was named "European of the Year" by the Estonian European Movement.

Mr. Hololei is married and has a daughter.