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**Kadri Simson**
Estonia (RE)**Background**

Kadri Simson already took over the role of Commissioner when Andrus Ansip decided to stand down and take up his seat as an MEP. After her meeting with the new European Commissioner Ursula von der Leyen, she announced that she might take one of the economic portfolios but without going into details. She is currently the Minister for Economic Affairs and Infrastructure. She represents the Estonian Centre Party and due to the current political landscape in Estonia, she might receive additional pressure while carrying out the Commissioner post. She failed in her bid to lead the party in 2015 when she stood against long-serving leader, Edgar Savisaar.

Born: 22 January 1977

Education

She has obtained a degree in History at the University of Tartu
Master's degree in Political Science from the University College London

Professional experience

1999 Advisor of Tallinn City Council
2001-2002 Advisor to the Mayor of Tallinn
2003 Research assistant of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly
2003-2007 Secretary- General of the Estonian Centre Party
2007-2016 Member of Estonia's parliament
2007-2009 Deputy Chairman of the National Defence Committee
2009 Elected as a member of Tallinn City Council
2009-2016 Chairman of the Estonian Centre Party

2013 Elected to the Pärnu City Council

Since 2016 Minister of Economic Affairs and Infrastructure of the Republic of Estonia