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Director General Petri Peltonen is Head of the Innovation Department at the Ministry of Employment and the Economy, a new ministry created in the beginning of 2008 in a major restructuring of the Finnish central government. In this capacity he is responsible for Finland's national technology and innovation policy and its' implementation. Within his duties, Petri Peltonen takes part in several national, EU and international R&D&I policy fora such as the Science and Technology Policy Council of Finland, board of Tekes (the Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation) and the EU Scientific and Technical Research Committee (CREST).

Prior to his current position, Petri Peltonen headed the Technology Department at the Ministry of Trade and Industry. From 1996 to 2006, he worked at Tekes, most recently as Executive Director and member of the management team. From 1987 until 1996, he held several technology development positions at the European Space Agency (ESA) in the Netherlands and in electronics industry in Finland.

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