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Ms. Helena Säteri is Director General at the Department of the Built Environment at the Ministry of the Environment. The Department works to create the opportunity for everyone to have safe and comfortable housing at reasonable cost, and promotes quality, health, safety and ecological sustainability in the construction sector. In addition, the Department deals with regional and local land use planning issues.

About **Ministry of the Environment** (www.environment.fi)

The Finnish Ministry of the Environment (MoE) is responsible for environmental and housing policies, coordinating local authority planning, strategic administrative planning, drafting of new legislation, and international cooperation in its field of activity. Transparency and public participation are central features of this work. MoE promotes sustainable development, and aims to keep the environment safe and healthy, preserve biodiversity, prevent environmental degradation, and improve housing.

Core Competencies for the task force

- Strategy and policy making
- Ecological urban development
- Networks
- Energy efficient construction

Professional background

- **Ministry of the Environment (MoE)**, 2008-, Director General
- **National HVAC-federation in Finland**, 1997-2002, Executive Director
- **MoE**, 2002-2008, Director, Building Division
- **MoE**, 1995-1997, Senior Adviser

Notes on Energy Efficient Built Environment

The built environment plays a key role in achieving well-being in a sustainable manner.

Education & Credentials

Helsinki University of Technology, Master of Science (Engineering), 1982. Ekokem Ltd, 2008-, Board member (a company specializing in environmental management).