

# Member Directory

## **The Delegation of Finland to the OSCE PA**



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**Political Party Affiliation:** Centre Party

**Home District** Electoral District of Central Finland 19.03.2003 -

**Member of Parliament since** 2003

**Positions held in Parliament:** Speaker's Council (member) 03.04.2007 - 02.05.2007  
Education and Culture Committee (member) 02.04.2003 - 08.09.2004  
Social Affairs and Health Committee (member) 02.04.2003 - 20.03.2007, (deputy member) 03.05.2007 - 19.04.2011, (deputy member) 30.06.2011 - 21.04.2015  
Legal Affairs Committee (deputy member) 29.04.2003 - 20.03.2007  
Foreign Affairs Committee (member) 09.09.2004 - 22.03.2006, (deputy member) 23.03.2006 - 20.03.2007, (member) 03.05.2007 - 19.04.2011  
Constitutional Law Committee (member) 03.04.2007 - 02.05.2007  
Defence Committee (Chair) 03.04.2007 - 02.05.2007, (deputy member) 30.06.2011 - 21.04.2015  
Employment and Equality Committee (member) 03.04.2007 - 02.05.2007  
Finance Committee (deputy member) 03.05.2007 - 19.04.2011  
Subcommittee for Education and Science (additional member) 04.05.2007 - 19.04.2011  
Subcommittee for Municipal and Health Affairs (member) 04.05.2007 - 19.04.2011  
Administration Committee (member) 03.05.2011 - 29.06.2011  
Committee for the Future (member) 03.05.2011 - 29.06.2011  
Transport and Communications Committee (deputy member) 05.05.2015 - 08.06.2015  
Finnish Delegation to the Nordic Council (member) 02.04.2003 - 14.09.2004, (deputy member) 15.09.2004 - 20.03.2007  
Parliamentary Trustees of the Social Insurance Institution of Finland (deputy member) 02.04.2003 - 29.06.2011  
Board of the Library of Parliament (member) 02.04.2003 - 22.02.2005  
The Finnish Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (deputy member) 03.05.2007 - 19.04.2011  
The Finnish Delegation to the Asia - Europe Parliamentary Partnership Meeting (Chair) 30.06.2011 - 21.04.2015  
Forum for International Affairs (member) 30.06.2011 - 21.04.2015

**Current positions in Parliament:** Foreign Affairs Committee (member) 30.06.2011 -  
Education and Culture Committee (deputy member) 09.06.2015 -  
Social Affairs and Health Committee (deputy member) 09.06.2015 -  
Committee for the Future (member) 05.05.2015 -  
The Finnish Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (member) 09.06.2015 - , (Chair) 09.07.2015 -  
Forum for International Affairs (member) 09.07.2015 -

**Educational background:** Kindergarten teacher 1977 (Savonlinna Teacher Education Institute), in-house training by the Finnish Broadcasting Company  
Career: kindergarten teacher 1977-1980  
Journalist 1980-  
Journalist at the Finnish Broadcasting Company 1984-

**Other information:**

Date and place of birth: 28 January 1956, Kyyjärvi

Present place of residence: Jyväskylä

Children: Lassi 1979, Vili 2000

Parliamentary group: Centre Party Parliamentary Group 19.03.2003 -

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Position in the parliamentary group: □

Centre Party Parliamentary Group (1st vice chair) 06.11.2003 - 21.03.2007

Centre Party Parliamentary Group Working Committee (member) 29.03.2007 - 06.02.2008

Centre Party Parliamentary Group Working Committee (member) 04.02.2010 -

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**Political Party Affiliation:** Blue Reform Party

**Home District** Electoral District of Savo-Karelia 22.04.2015 -

**Member of Parliament since** 2011

**Positions held in Parliament:** Constitutional Law Committee (member) 03.05.2011 - 21.04.2015  
Education and Culture Committee (member) 03.05.2011 - 21.04.2015  
Finance Committee (deputy member) 05.05.2015 - 08.06.2015  
Agriculture and Forestry Committee (deputy member) 05.05.2015 - 08.06.2015  
Defence Committee (member) 05.05.2015 - 08.06.2015  
The Finnish Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (deputy member) 30.06.2011 - 21.04.2015  
Board of the Library of Parliament (deputy member) 30.06.2011 - 08.06.2015

**Current positions in Parliament:** Constitutional Law Committee (member) 09.06.2015 -  
Education and Culture Committee (member) 09.06.2015 -  
The Finnish Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (member) 09.06.2015 - , (vice chair) 23.06.2015 -  
Administrative Council of the Finnish Broadcasting Company (member) 30.06.2011 - , (Chair) 23.06.2015 -

**Educational background:** Basic Certificate in Business Economy (merkonomi) 1981 (Lahden kauppaoppilaitos), Master of Theology 1988 (University of Helsinki), pastoral examination 1991, Senior pastoral degree 1998

**Other information:**

Date and place of birth: 5 October 1961, Lahti

Career / Biographical info: □

Youth League of Developing Finland, organisation secretary, general secretary 1981-1984, Finnish Rural Party, youth secretary 1981-1984, University of Helsinki, assistant (locum) on modern age church history 1988, Rautavaara Parish, official deputy (parish pastor) 1988-1991, Vehmersalmi, vicar 1992-2010, Järvi-Kuopio Parish, chaplain 2011-, Nilsä Deanery, county dean 2002-2004, Kuopio Diocese cathedral chapter, assessor 2003-2009, Kuopio Diocese cathedral chapter, diocese dean (locum) 2009-2010

Parliamentary group: The Finns Party Parliamentary Group 20.04.2011 -

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## **The Delegation of Finland to the OSCE PA**



### **Mr. Iikka Kanerva**

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Special Representative on Mediation  
President Emeritus of the OSCE PA

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**Political Party Affiliation:** National Coalition Party  
**Home District** Turku  
**Member of Parliament since** 27 September 1975

**Positions held in Parliament:**  
**Current positions in Parliament:** Chair of the Defence Committee  
**Educational background:** Master of Social Sciences, University of Turku 1980  
**Other information:**

#### Political career:

Kanerva is a member of the National Coalition Party and the European People's Party (EPP). Kanerva was leader of his party's youth organisation from 1972 to 1976. He was first elected to the Finnish Parliament in 1975. He is today the longest standing Member of Parliament. He has extensive experience in foreign affairs and defence matters.

Minister for Foreign Affairs 2007-2008  
Deputy Speaker of Parliament 2003-2007  
Deputy Prime Minister 1991  
Minister of Labour 1991-1995  
Minister of Transport 1990-1991  
Minister at the Ministry of Finance 1987-1995  
Minister at the Prime Minister's Office 1987-1990  
Chair of the Parliamentary Defence Committee 1999-2003; 2015-  
Chair of the Parliamentary Security and Defence Reflecting Group 2012-2013  
Chair of the Parliamentary Assessment Group on Defence 2013-2014  
Chair of the Finnish Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly since 2003

#### OSCE career:

OSCE Chairperson-in-Office 2008  
President Emeritus and Special Representative on Mediation of the OSCE PA 2016-  
President of the OSCE PA 2014-2016  
Vice-President of the OSCE PA 2013-2014  
Chair of the Finnish Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly 2003-2007 and 2008-2015  
Member of the Finnish Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly 2015-  
Member of the OSCE PA ad hoc Working Group on Rules 2013  
Co-chair of the working group for the Helsinki +40 process 2013-2015  
Special co-ordinator and leader of the OSCE short-term election observation mission to Russian Federation in 2016  
Leader of the OSCE PA election observation missions to Georgia in 2013 and to Ukraine in 2014

#### Other:

Council member of the International Association of the Athletics Federations (IAAF) 2003-2011  
Vice-President of the Finnish Olympic Committee 1993-2008

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## **The Delegation of Finland to the OSCE PA**



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**Political Party Affiliation:** Social Democratic Party

**Home District** Electoral District of Satakunta 21.03.2007 -

**Member of Parliament since** 2007

**Positions held in Parliament:** Grand Committee (deputy member) 03.04.2007 - 10.09.2008, (member) 11.09.2008 - 27.03.2009, (deputy member) 31.03.2009 - 22.06.2011

Legal Affairs Committee (member) 03.04.2007 - 22.06.2011

Employment and Equality Committee (deputy member) 03.04.2007 - 22.06.2011

Foreign Affairs Committee (deputy member) 10.09.2009 - 22.06.2011

Finnish Delegation to the Nordic Council (member) 04.04.2007 - 02.05.2007, (deputy member) 03.05.2007 - 29.06.2011

Finnish Delegation to the Council of Europe (deputy member) 03.05.2007 - 19.04.2011, (Chair) 10.06.2011 - 29.06.2011

The Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly - the Finnish Delegation (member) 29.09.2009 - 19.04.2011

Forum for International Affairs (member) 10.06.2011 - 22.06.2011

**Current positions in Parliament:** Finance Committee (member) 09.06.2015 -

Subcommittee for Education and Science (Chair) 11.09.2015 -

Communications Subcommittee (member) 11.09.2015 -

Subcommittee for Municipal and Health Affairs (additional member) 11.09.2015 -

Transport and Communications Committee (deputy member) 09.06.2015 -

Education and Culture Committee (deputy member) 09.06.2015 -

The Finnish Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (member) 09.06.2015 -

**Educational background:**

**Other information:**

Parliamentary group: Social Democratic Parliamentary Group 21.03.2007 -

Minister:

Minister of Housing and Communications (Katainen) 22.06.2011 - 23.05.2013

Minister of Education (Katainen) 24.05.2013 - 03.04.2014

Minister of Education and Communications (Katainen) 04.04.2014 - 23.06.2014

Minister of Education and Communications (Stubb) 24.06.2014 - 28.05.2015

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## **The Delegation of Finland to the OSCE PA**



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**Political Party Affiliation:** Finns Party

**Home District** Electoral District of Helsinki 04.07.2014 -

**Member of Parliament since** 2014

**Positions held in Parliament:** Administration Committee (member) 03.09.2014 - 21.04.2015  
Environment Committee (deputy member) 04.09.2014 - 21.04.2015  
Legal Affairs Committee (member) 05.05.2015 - 08.06.2015  
Transport and Communications Committee (member) 05.05.2015 - 08.06.2015  
Finnish Delegation to the Council of Europe (deputy member) 10.09.2014 - 21.04.2015  
The Finnish Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (deputy member) 09.06.2015 - 10.11.2015

**Current positions in Parliament:** Foreign Affairs Committee (deputy member) 09.06.2015 -  
Audit Committee (member) 09.06.2015 -  
Defence Committee (member) 09.06.2015 -  
The Finnish Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (member) 11.11.2015 -  
Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean (member) 10.06.2015 - , (Chair) 2015 -  
Forum for International Affairs (member) 10.06.2016 -

**Educational background:**

**Other information:**

Parliamentary group: The Finns Party Parliamentary Group 04.07.2014 -

Periods as MP:

04.07.2014 -

Predecessor as an MP: Jussi Halla-aho /

Jussi Halla-aho elected to European Parliament

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**Political Party Affiliation:** Centre Party

**Home District** Electoral District of Savo-Karelia 22.04.2015 -

**Member of Parliament since** 1991-1995, 1999, 2000 -

**Positions held in Parliament:** Transport and Communications Committee (member) 11.04.1991 - 23.03.1995, (member) 19.12.2000 - 18.03.2003, (member) 03.05.2011 - 29.06.2011, (vice chair) 05.05.2015 - 08.06.2015  
Defence Committee (member) 11.04.1991 - 17.09.1993, (deputy member) 06.10.2000 - 18.03.2003, (deputy member) 03.04.2007 - 02.05.2007  
Legal Affairs Committee (member) 24.09.1993 - 23.03.1995, (member) 03.11.2009 - 05.03.2010, (deputy member) 20.04.2010 - 19.04.2011  
Constitutional Law Committee (member) 07.04.1999 - 20.07.1999, (member) 06.10.2000 - 02.05.2007, (deputy member) 30.06.2011 - 21.04.2015  
Finance Committee (deputy member) 02.04.2003 - 25.04.2003, (member) 29.04.2003 - 20.03.2007, (member) 03.05.2007 - 19.04.2011, (member) 30.06.2011 - 21.04.2015  
Communications Subcommittee (member) 08.04.2003 - 20.03.2007, (member) 04.05.2007 - 19.04.2011, (member) 01.09.2011 - 21.04.2015  
Housing and Environment Subcommittee (additional member) 08.04.2003 - 05.05.2003  
Subcommittee for Security and Defence (member) 06.05.2003 - 20.03.2007  
Environment Committee (member) 03.04.2007 - 02.05.2007  
Subcommittee for Education and Science (member) 04.05.2007 - 19.04.2011, (member) 01.09.2011 - 21.04.2015  
Committee for the Future (deputy member) 06.03.2009 - 12.02.2010  
Foreign Affairs Committee (member) 03.05.2011 - 29.06.2011  
Administration Committee (deputy member) 03.05.2011 - 29.06.2011  
Audit Committee (deputy member) 30.06.2011 - 21.04.2015  
Subcommittee for Municipal and Health Affairs (additional member) 01.09.2011 - 21.04.2015  
Agriculture and Forestry Committee (member) 05.05.2015 - 08.06.2015  
Electors (member) 09.04.1991 - 23.03.1995  
Finnish Delegation to the Nordic Council (member) 11.04.1991 - 23.03.1995  
The Finnish Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (deputy member) 07.04.1999 - 20.07.1999, (member) 30.06.2011 - 21.04.2015  
Parliamentary Salary Delegation (deputy member) 16.04.1991 - 29.02.1992

**Current positions in Parliament:** Finance Committee (member) 09.06.2015 -  
Communications Subcommittee (member) 11.09.2015 -  
Subcommittee for Municipal and Health Affairs (member) 11.09.2015 -  
Transport and Communications Committee (deputy member) 09.06.2015 -  
The Finnish Delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (member) 09.06.2015 -

**Educational background:** matriculated 1977 (Rautalammin lukio), municipal studies 1978 - 1979 (Alkio-opisto), vocational qualification in business administration 1982 (Pieksämäen kauppaoppilaitos)

**Other information:**

Date and place of birth: 5 March 1956 Suonenjoki

Career / Biographical info:

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Marketing secretary, Pakkasmarja Oy 1982-1984, shopkeeper, K-Maatalouskeskus, Suonenjoki 1985-1986, Marketing Manager, Rossi-Tarhat 1986-1987, journalist / news unit producer, local radio station Oikea Asema Oy 1988-1991, Editor-in-Chief, local radio station Oikea Asema Oy 1995-, managing editor, Pohjois-Savon paikallisradio Oy / Radio Salminen 2000-

Earlier electoral districts: □

Kuopio constituency 22.03.1991 - 23.03.1995

Kuopio constituency 31.03.1999 - 20.07.1999

Kuopio constituency 01.10.2000 - 18.03.2003

Pohjois-Savo constituency 19.03.2003 - 21.04.2015

Parliamentary group:

Centre Party Parliamentary Group 01.10.2000 -

Earlier parliamentary groups: Centre Party Parliamentary Group 22.03.1991 - 23.03.1995

Centre Party Parliamentary Group 31.03.1999 - 20.07.1999

Position in the parliamentary group: Centre Party Parliamentary Group Working Committee (member) 04.02.2010 -

Periods as MP: 31.03.1999 - 20.07.1999

Predecessor as an MP: Mirja Rynnänen /

Alternate for Member of the European Parliament

31.03.1999 - 20.07.1999

Successor as an MP: Mirja Rynnänen /

01.10.2000 -

Predecessor as an MP: Jorma Huuhtanen /



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**Home District**

**Member of Parliament since** 2015

**Positions held in Parliament:**

**Current positions in Parliament:**

**Educational background:**

**Other information:**

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## **The Delegation of Finland to the OSCE PA**



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**Political Party Affiliation:** Green Party

**Home District**

**Member of Parliament since** 1987-1995, 2007

**Positions held in Parliament:**

**Current positions in Parliament:**

**Educational background:**

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## **The Delegation of Finland to the OSCE PA**



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**Home District**

**Member of Parliament since** 2007

**Positions held in Parliament:**

**Current positions in Parliament:**

**Educational background:**

**Other information:**

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## **The Delegation of Finland to the OSCE PA**



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**Political Party Affiliation:** National Coalition Party

**Home District**

**Member of Parliament since** 2011-2015, 2017

**Positions held in Parliament:**

**Current positions in Parliament:**

**Educational background:**

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## **The Delegation of Finland to the OSCE PA**



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**Home District**

**Member of Parliament since** 2015

**Positions held in Parliament:**

**Current positions in Parliament:**

**Educational background:**

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## **The Delegation of Finland to the OSCE PA**



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**Political Party Affiliation:** National Coalition Party

**Home District**

**Member of Parliament since** 2011

**Positions held in Parliament:**

**Current positions in Parliament:**

**Educational background:**

**Other information:**