

Erkki Liikanen has been the Chair of the Board (Governor) of the Bank of Finland since 2004, and is a member of the Governing Council of the European Central Bank and Governor of the International Monetary Fund for Finland. Since June 2008 he has also been President of the Finnish Red Cross. He was asked by the EU Commission to chair the High Level Experts Group to assess the need for structural reforms to the EU banking sector. The Group published the “**Report of the European Commission’s High-level Expert Group on Bank Structural Reform**” (The Liikanen report) on 2 October 2012. Prior to his appointment as Governor, he was a member of the European Commission for Enterprise and Information Society and the European Commission for Budget; Personnel and Administration, having previously been Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Head of Finnish Mission to the European Union in Brussels. He served as Minister of Finance between 1987 and 1990, have previously been the Vice-Chairman of the Parliamentary Supervisory Council of the Bank of Finland. Between 1972 and 1990 he was a Member of Parliament, serving on various committees. He holds a Masters Degree in Political Science (Economics) from the University of Helsinki as well as honorary doctorates from Helsinki University of Technology and Aalto University School of Economics.