

Sauli Niinistö

Born 24 August 1948, Salo

Master of Laws, Master of Laws with court training

Career

President of the Republic of Finland 2012–2024

Speaker of the Finnish Parliament 2007–2011

Member of the International Monetary and Financial Committee (IMFC) 2000–2001

Member of the Board of Governors of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) 1996–2003, Chairman of the Board of Governors 1999–2000

Vice President of the European Investment Bank (EIB) 2003–2007

Minister of Finance 2.2.1996–17.4.2003

Deputy Prime Minister 13.4.1995–31.8.2001

Minister of Justice 13.4.1995–2.2.1996

Member of Parliament, National Coalition Party 1987–2003, 2007–2011

Assistant Judge of the Turku Court of Appeal 1976–1988

Own law office 1978–1988

Rural Police Chief for the municipality of Kisko 1974–1975

Confidential political posts and offices

Honorary President of the European People's Party 2003

Chairman of the Economic and Financial Affairs Council (ECOFIN) and the Eurogroup 1999

Chairman of the European Democratic Union (EDU) 1998–2002

Chairman of the National Coalition Party 1994–2001

Chair of the City Council of Salo 1989–1992

Member of the City Board of Salo 1977–1988

Member of the City Council of Salo 1977–1992

Honorary degrees

University of Helsinki, Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy 2023

National Defence University, Honorary Doctorate of Military Sciences 2018

University of Minnesota, Doctor of Laws, Honorary Doctor's degree 2017

University of Helsinki, Honorary Doctorate of Laws 2017

Aalto University School of Business, Honorary Doctorate of Economics 2016

University of Helsinki, Honorary Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine 2015

University of Jyväskylä, Honorary Doctorate of Sport and Health Sciences 2013

Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Budapest, Hungary, Honorary Doctorate of Laws 2012

University of Turku, Honorary Doctorate of Laws 2011

University of Tampere, Honorary Doctorate of Administrative Sciences 2010

Publications

“Hiljaisten historia” (“Ordinary People at the Mercy of Great Events”), published 2007, Teos, Helsinki

“Viiden vuoden yksinäisyys” (“Five Years of Solitude”), published 2005, Teos, Helsinki

“Yhteinen raha: eurooppalaisen yhteistyön alku- vai päätepiste?” (“Single Currency: the Beginning or the End of European Cooperation?”) article in the book “Marginaalista ytimeen: Suomi Euroopan unionissa 1989-2003” (“From the Margin to the Centre: Finland in the European Union 1989–2003”), Tammi.

Other

Chairman of the organising committee for the 2009 European Figure Skating Championships

Honorary Chairman of the Tukikummi foundation (combating social exclusion among young people)

Chairman of the Finnish Football Association 2009–2012

Captain in the Finnish Army Reserve