

Jyrki Katainen

Professional Summary

Senior executive and former Prime Minister of Finland with extensive experience in European and international economic policy, financial regulation, and public affairs. Proven leader at the highest political and institutional levels, including the European Commission and national government. Strong expertise in stakeholder engagement, EU policy, and regulatory strategy.

Professional Experience

Nordea – Head of Group Public & Regulatory Affairs (2023–Present)

- Leads Nordea's public and regulatory affairs across the Nordic region and the EU
- Oversees engagement with policymakers, regulators, and key stakeholders
- Advises Group Executive Management on regulatory, political, and economic developments

Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra – Head of Group Public & Regulatory Affairs (2020–2023)

- Focus on climate policy, circular economy, and the fair data economy
- Leadership in sustainability, innovation, and systemic change

European Commission – Vice-President (2014–2019)

- Responsible for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness
- Led EU-wide initiatives to strengthen investment, capital markets, and economic growth
- Represented the European Commission in international forums

Government of Finland – Prime Minister (2011–2014)

- Head of Government leading a multi-party coalition
- Represented Finland in the European Council and international summits

Government of Finland – Minister of Finance (2007–2011)

- Responsible for national fiscal and economic policy
- Represented Finland in the EU ECOFIN Council

Education

M.Sc. (Economics), University of Tampere, Finland

Languages

Finnish (native) · English (fluent) · Swedish (fluent)

Key Expertise

EU policy and institutions · Financial markets and regulation · Economic and fiscal policy
· Public affairs · Government and stakeholder relations

Activities in an Honorary Capacity

Chair of the Atlantic Council of Finland

Chair of Central Organization for Finnish Culture and Arts Associations – KULTA ry,

Member of board Rastor insituutti (education company)

Chair of the EU Committee of the Confederation of Finnish Industries

Member of Wega Advisory Board (energy company)