

CV Markku Markkula

Mr Markku Markkula is a member of the EU Committee of the Regions (CoR); he holds several influential positions, such as the first vice-chair of the EPP-CoR and the chair of the EPP-CoR Task Force on Europe 2020. He is the rapporteur in the field of innovation for subjects such as “Digital Agenda for Europe”, “the Role of Local and Regional Authorities in Achieving the Objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy”, “Enhancing and focusing EU international cooperation in research and innovation”, “Horizon 2020”, “Better Governance for the Single Market”, “Closing the innovation divide”, “Creation of high-tech start-up ecosystems”, and “Industrial Policy Package”. He has also been a member of several High Level Expert Groups, such as the EU Smart Specialisation Mirror Group.

Mr Markkula is a former member of the Finnish Parliament (1995-2003). During his time as MP he served as a member of two permanent parliamentary committees: The Committee for Science, Education and Culture, and The Committee for the Future. As an MP his international role included the Presidency of EPTA Council, European Parliamentary Technology Assessment Network.

Mr Markkula works at Aalto University as the Advisor to Aalto Presidents, where his focus is on European Union research, innovation and education policy affairs. His previous work experience includes being the Director of the Lifelong Learning Institute Dipoli and the Secretary General of the International Association for Continuing Engineering Education (IACEE). He has also acted as the Chairman of the Board of Laurea University of Applied Sciences, and the Chairman of the Society for Organizational Learning (SOL-Finland). He has been the Chairman of the Continuing Education Working Group of SEFI, European Society for Engineering Education. He is one of the Ambassadors of the Leonardo European Corporate Learning Award.

Mr Markkula has several important roles related to innovation ecosystems development in Finland, and especially in the Helsinki Region. For example he is the initiator and orchestrator in the 20 million euro research programme “Energizing Urban Ecosystems”, as well as several open innovation initiatives related to the Espoo Innovation Garden and Aalto University.

Mr Markkula is a member of the National Coalition Party (EPP), with political chairmanships at different organisational levels throughout his career, from local and national Student Unions to the Espoo City and Uusimaa Region; as well as a long standing member of the Board of the Party. He is a Member of the Espoo City Council since 1980, holding its Presidency in 1990-92 and 2010. He is currently also a Member of the Board of the Helsinki Regional Council and the Chairman of the Espoo City Planning Board.

In Finland his roles have included memberships of the boards of several companies and other organisations, among them Tekes, the Finnish Funding Agency for Innovation and Technology. He has also served Finnish society as the chairman of the board of the Finnish Association of Graduate Engineers TEK (1993-2005) and of the Finnish Information Society Development Centre TIEKE (2000-2011).

As a tribute to his achievements, he was elected to the International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame in 2008.