

Heidi Hautala in brief

Heidi Hautala is Vice-President of the European Parliament, Member of the European Parliament in the Greens/EFA group and former Minister for International Development and State Ownership Steering in Finland. She was born in 1955 in Oulu, Finland, and has a master's degree in agriculture and forestry.

She was elected as a Vice-President of the European Parliament in October 2017 and continues in the office. Heidi serves on the Committee on International Trade, the Subcommittee on Human Rights and as a substitute on the Committee on Legal Affairs of the European Parliament. In 2017 Heidi established a Working Group on Responsible Business Conduct in the European Parliament.

She has complemented her extensive political career at national and European level with other professional activities (journalist, founder of a restaurant) and combined it with her various voluntary work commitments related mostly to human rights.

CV in brief

- Member of the European Parliament 1995-2003, 2009-2011 and 2014-
- Vice president of the European Parliament 2017-
- Member of the Committee on International Trade
- Member of the Subcommittee on Human Rights
- Substitute on the Committee on Legal Affairs
- Chair of EP Responsible Business Conduct working group 2017-
- Minister for international development and state ownership steering 2011–2013
- Member of the Finnish parliament 1991–1995 and 2003–2009
- Chair of the legal committee 2007-2009
- Member of the Helsinki City Council 1985-1994 and 2008-2014
- Green party candidate for presidential elections 2000 and 2006
- Chair of the Finnish Green League 1987-1991
- Dozens of political position of trust since 1980s in Finland and internationally
- Strong advocate of human rights, transparency, social and environmental responsibility
- Master of agriculture and forestry (M.Sc.)
- One of the founders of the first Finnish vegetarian restaurant in Helsinki
- Editor of several alternative culture magazines

"When I encounter an opinion that is better justified I am prepared to modify my own views."