

CURRICULUM VITAE

Henna Maria VIRKKUNEN

Member of the European Parliament. Born in 1972 in Joutsa, Finland.

Education:

Bachelor of Arts, University of Jyväskylä	2000
Master of Arts, University of Jyväskylä	2001
Licentiate of Philosophy, University of Jyväskylä	2006

Professional career:

Member of the European Parliament	2014-
Minister of Transport and Local Government	2014
Minister of Public Administration and Local Government	2011-2014
Minister of Education	2008-2011
Member of Parliament, Electoral District of Central Finland	2007-2014
Research grant holder, University of Jyväskylä	2003-2006
Partner and communication planner, Medita Communication	1998-2003
Assistant spokesperson, University of Jyväskylä, Communications	1998
Journalist with the newspaper Keskiuomalainen and freelancer	1993-1998

Local and regional activities:

Jyväskylä City Councillor	1997-2016; 2021-
Chair, Jyväskylä City Council	2005-2008
Vice Chair of the Central Finland Regional Council	1999-2005
Member of the Central Finland Regional Council	1997-2004

Party political activities:

Vice-Chair of the National Coalition Party	2008-2014
Chair, Women's Section of the National Coalition Party	2008-2011
Chair, Central Finland Section of the National Coalition Party	2004-2006
Member of the Executive, National Coalition Party	2004-2006
Vice-Chair, Policy Committee of the National Coalition Party	1999-2004

Other roles

Member of the Board of Directors of the Atlantic Council of Finland	2021-
Chair of Jyväskylän Kirittäret (Finnish female baseball team)	2020-
Chair of the Finnish Association for Horse Owners	2020-2024
Chair of the Finnish National Commission for UNESCO	2019-2022