

Pirkko Mahlamäki

Ms. Pirkko Mahlamäki (Master of Arts, Master of Laws), Board member of EDF (2013-2026), executive committee member (elected 2017- re-elected 2022), member and the current chair of EDF Women's Committee (2022-2026), representing EDF as a board member of the European Women's Lobby (EWL) since 2016, re-elected in 2025 for a new mandate till 2027.

After serving as an expert member of Finnish delegation to UN Ad hoc committee preparing the ICRPD (2003-2006, she has contributed to the ratification, implementation and monitoring as member in Human Rights Delegation and its permanent division Committee of Rights of Persons with Disabilities VIOK, member since 2018, chair since 2023. Closely involved in the preparation, she presented alternative initial report of Finland to CRPD Committee in 2025 during initial review of Finland.

Member of the Non-discrimination and Equality Tribunal of Finland (2015-2023).

She has been active in Nordic co-operation as a member of the Nordic Co-operation organisation of disability organisations (since 2001) and vice member of The Council of Nordic Cooperation on Disability, advisory body to the Nordic Council of Ministers (2013-).

She has participated in numerous European campaigns and projects, including the EURADE project to promote participatory research for disability equality. She has been involved in the development and management of personal assistance scheme and independent living association since 2000.

For her contribution to disability rights and anti-discrimination work, she was awarded the Order of Merit of the White Rose of Finland (2009) and the Human Rights Award of the Finnish League of Human Rights (2009).

Pirkko MAHLAMÄKI Curriculum vitae

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Languages: English, French, Swedish, German, Spanish.

Education: University of Helsinki, Faculty of Law, Master of Law studies 2017

University of Turku, candidate of philosophy, Comparative literature major (thesis), Translation studies, English, 2nd subject translation studies in French, 27.10.1994

Jet- Specialist training in Management, Employers of Personal Assistants, University of Helsinki, Palmenia Continued Education Centre, 1.9.2005 -11.6.2007

Experience: Vammaisfoorumi ry., secretary general, the Finnish Disability Forum,(2000-2021, representation of the Forum in international, regional and national networks, 2000–present

European Disability Forum, Brussels, policy officer, 1997-1999.

Project experience: Expert in disability rights promotion in projects funded by European Community Initiative to combat discrimination, 2002-2009. Training design, organization and realization, and lectures as expert in disability issues.

Partner in EC funded projects: Disability and Social Exclusion, Activists and Advocates for Rights of Disabled People, where my responsibilities included design, preparation and translation of training materials and events.

International Disability Rights Monitoring Country Researcher for Finland, 2006-2007

Positions:

European Disability Forum, Board member, 2013-present

European Women's Lobby, Board member, representing EDF, 2016-2022, 2025-2027

National Human Rights Delegation 2019-2023, 2023-2027

National Committee of Rights of Persons with Disabilities, a permanent division of the Human Rights Delegation 2018-2023 member, 2023-2027 chair.

The National Non-Discrimination and Equality Tribunal of Finland, member 2015-2023

Member of Nordiska Handikapporganisationernas samarbetsorgan, 2001-. (Nordic Co-operation organisation of disability organisations)

Advisor member of Finnish delegation to UN Ad hoc committee preparing International Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities 2003-2006.

The Advisory Board for Rehabilitation, appointed by the Council of State, 2003-2015.

Awards: Cross of Merit of the Order of the White Rose of Finland, 6 December 2009

Human rights award, Finnish Institution of Human Rights, 2 October 2009