



Sari Rautio

The voice of local democracy

Candidate for EPP-CoR Group President

Who is Sari?



Politics

2000 – present: Member of National Coalition Party, active in local and regional politics
2005 – present: Hämeenlinna City Councillor
2013 – 2021: Mayor of Hämeenlinna, Chair of City Board
2016 – present: active at the European level in the EPP
2020 – present: Member of the European Committee of the Regions

Organisations

2004 – Founder of Kanta-Hämeen supporting children with autism
2006 – present: Member of the church council of the Hämeenlinna parish union
2021 – present: President of the Finnish Paralympic Committee
2023 – present: Chair of the Finnish Red Cross Häme district
2012 – 2021: Vice Chair of The Association of Finnish Municipalities

Education

1993 – Bachelor in Marketing and Economics (Helsinki Business School)
Ongoing: Master's Degree in Education (Helsinki University)
Ongoing: Master's Degree in Law (University of Turku)

Languages

Finnish, English, Swedish, French, German

Personal

Born in Finland on 16 August 1968
Married since 1990 to Kai Rautio
Mother to four children and grandmother of Remi
Hobbies: forest walks with her labradoodle, running, jazz dancing, golf, sports trials, ice swimming, reading, volunteering in NGOs





My Activities at the CoR

EPP-CoR Coordinator in the COTER Commission securing numerous EPP-CoR led opinions, and EPP-CoR advocate for cohesion and budget

CoR rapporteur for the *Gender Equality Action Plan*

CoR rapporteur on the *Just and Sustainable Transition in Coal and Energy-Intensive Regions*

Member of the European Commission's *Group of High-level Specialists on the Future of Cohesion Policy*

Represented the EPP-CoR in the *Road to Recovery* events and organised EPP-CoR Local Dialogues



Henna Virkkunen



Ursula von der Leyen



Manfred Weber



Elisa Ferreira



Romana Tomc



Raffaele Fitto



My Action Plan based on your Ideas

1. Supporting all delegations, big or small, from south to north and east to west. I will be your voice and convey the realities on the ground at EU level.
2. Holding constant dialogue and outreach with our members to ensure a strong EPP-CoR Group.
3. Ensuring transparency, communication and participation: all EPP-CoR Group members will have the opportunity to actively contribute to the CoR's work.
4. Empowering our Vice-Presidents by delegating responsibilities to each one of them ensuring a strong EPP-CoR leadership.
5. Reforming EPP-CoR Group meetings to ensure dynamic exchanges and open dialogue.
6. Positioning legislative work once again at the heart of the EPP-CoR Group agenda strengthening ties with the European Commission.
7. Strengthening and redefining our cooperation with the EPP Group in the European Parliament maximising our distinct role.
8. Building on our cooperation with the EPP by amplifying the voice of cities and regions in the EPP's decision making bodies.
9. Harnessing the expertise of our secretariat to ensure impactful results.
10. Working together for a sustainable and prosperous future. Not me but we.



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