

Ville Itälä

Director-General, European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF)

Mr Ville Itälä is the OLAF Director-General starting with 1 August 2018.

Mr Itälä obtained a Master in Law from Turku University, in Finland, and a Master in Law with court training from Vehmaa District Court.

Together with his native Finnish, Mr Itälä also speaks English and Swedish.

Professional experience:

2012 - 2018(February) **Member of European Court of Auditors**

2004 - 2012 **Member of the European Parliament**

- European People's Party and European Democrats' Group, Vice-Chair (2004-2006)
- Committee on Budgets, member (2004-2009)
- Committee on Budgetary Control, Deputy
- Coordinator and member (2009-2012)
- Committee on Transport and Tourism, member
- Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, *substitute*

2001 - 2004 **National Coalition Party, Chair, Finland**

2000 - 2003 **Minister of the Interior, Finland**

2001 - 2003 **Deputy Prime Minister, Finland**

2002 - 2003 **International Democrat Union, Vice-Chair**

1995 - 2004 **Member of the Finnish Parliament**

- Grand Committee, Chair (2003 - 2004)
- Auditors of the Bank of Finland, member (1996 - 2000)
- Constitutional Law Committee (1995-2000), Chair (1996 - 2000)
- Transport Committee (1995 - 1996)

1988 - 2002 **Lawyer and partner in a law firm, Finland** (1988 - 1995 active work in law firm; 1995 – 2002 Member of the Finnish Bar Association)

1985 - 1988 **Acting police commissioner and acting town court prosecutor, Naantali, Finland**