

# Olli REHN

## **Personal details**

- Finnish
- Born March 31, 1962 in Mikkeli, Finland
- Married
- one child

## **Current duties**

- Since November 2004: Member of the European Commission responsible for Enlargement

## **Political career**

- Since November 2004 : Member of the European Commission
- July-November 2004: Member of the European Commission, responsible for Enterprise and the Information Society
- 1995-1996: Member of the European Parliament
- 1991-1995: Member of the Parliament of Finland
- 1991-1995: Chairman of the Finnish Delegation to the Council of Europe
- 1988-1994: Member of the City Council of Helsinki
- 1988-1994: Deputy Chairman of the Centre Party of Finland
- 1987-1989: Chairman of the Centre Youth of Finland

## **Professional career**

- 2004: Chairman of the Steering Committee "Finland in the Global Economy"
- 2003-2004: Economic Policy Adviser to the Prime Minister of Finland
- 2002-2003: Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Helsinki
- 1998-2002: Head of Cabinet, the European Commission
- 1992-1993: Special Adviser to the Prime Minister of Finland
- 1984-1985: International Secretary, the Centre Youth of Finland
- 1975-1982 Salesman (spare parts; during holidays, Mikkelin Autotarvike)

## **Other activities**

- 1996-1998: Vice-President of the European Movement of Finland
- 1996-1997: Chairman of the Football League of Finland
- Several books and articles. The latest ones on European issues: Europe's Next Frontiers (Nomos, Baden-Baden 2006) and Suomen eurooppalainen valinta ei ole suhdannepolitiikkaa (WSOY, Helsinki 2006)
- 1985-2004: Columnist in several newspapers or magazines
- 1981-1982: Military service: Savon Prikaati & the Reserve Officer School, class 168. Lieutenant (reserves) in 1990
- Associated football since 1968 in several clubs, including FC Mikkelin Palloilijat (youth teams 1968-1978, first team 1979-1982), FC Finnish Parliament (1991-) and CS Eurocommission II (1998-2002)
- Special interests: Political economy. Rock and jazz. Reading

## **Education**

- 1996: Doctor of Philosophy, University of Oxford in international political economy; D.Phil. thesis: Corporatism and Industrial Competitiveness in Small European States
- 1989: Master of Soc. Sc. in political science, University of Helsinki
- 1982-1983: Studies in economics, international relations and journalism at Macalester College, St Paul, Minnesota, USA

## **Languages**

- Finnish: mother tongue
- English: primary working language
- French, Swedish: working languages
- German: passive