



## **HE MR MATTI VANHANEN**

Prime Minister of Finland

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HE Mr Matti Vanhanen has been Prime Minister of Finland since 2003. Before becoming Prime Minister, he also served as Minister of Defence. The 54-year-old Matti Vanhanen is a Master of Social Sciences who worked for six years as a journalist before being elected to Parliament in 1991. He has been actively involved in national politics for more than 30 years and has been the leader of the Centre Party since 2003.



From the beginning of his political career, Matti Vanhanen has assumed a prominent position in energy and climate policies as well as housing questions. He has also spoken about the challenges and opportunities of globalization and underlined the role of entrepreneurship and hard work.