



**Mr Vesa Lakaniemi**

Mayor of Eurajoki, Finland

## Biography

Mr Lakaniemi has served as the Mayor (Municipal Manager) of Eurajoki, Finland since February 1, 2017. Originally from Vimpeli, he holds a Master of Education (1994) and an Executive MBA (2013). Prior to his current role, he dedicated over two decades to the education sector, including serving as Director of Education for the city of Rauma.

As mayor, Mr Lakaniemi has led key initiatives in municipal finance reform, the successful integration of the former municipality of Luvia, and the development of major infrastructure projects. He is a vocal advocate for Eurajoki's identity as "Finland's most energetic municipality," highlighting its critical role in both nuclear and renewable energy sectors, particularly as the host of the Olkiluoto nuclear power plant.

Recognized for his transparent leadership and strong communication skills, Mr Lakaniemi prioritizes collaboration with the municipal council and active community engagement.