




BRIEFING NOTE: Ollie REHN

Name:	Olli Rehn 
First time Commissioner?	No, previously Commissioner for Enlargement, 2004-2009
Date of Hearing	Monday 11 January 16.30-19.30
Country	Finland
Political Party	Suomen Keskusta (ALDE)
Previous Finnish Commissioner	Neelie Kroes
Portfolio	Economic and Monetary Affairs
Services	DG Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECFIN)
Personal details	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	<p>2004: Chairman of the Steering Committee "Finland in the Global Economy"</p> <p>2003-2004: Economic Policy Adviser to the Prime Minister of Finland</p> <p>2002-2003: Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Helsinki</p> <p>1998-2002: Head of Cabinet, the European Commission</p> <p>1992-1993: Special Adviser to the Prime Minister of Finland</p> <p>1984-1985: International Secretary, the Centre Youth of Finland</p> <p>1975-1982 Salesman (spare parts; during holidays, Mikkelin Autotarvike)</p>
Education	<p>1996: Doctor of Philosophy, University of Oxford in international political economy; D.Phil. thesis: Corporatism and Industrial Competitiveness in Small European States</p> <p>1989: Master of Soc. Sc. in political science, University of Helsinki</p> <p>1982-1983: Studies in economics, international relations and journalism at Macalester College, St Paul, Minnesota, USA</p>
Languages	<p>Finnish: mother tongue</p> <p>English: primary working language</p> <p>French, Swedish: working languages</p> <p>German: passive</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FYI... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Special interests include political economy, rock and jazz, and reading ▪ Vice-President of European Movement of Finland from 1996-1998 ▪ Rehn was Chairman of the football league of Finland from 1996-1997 and has played football in several clubs since 1968, including FC Mikkelin Palloilijat (youth teams 1968-1978, first team 1979-1982), FC Finnish Parliament (1991-) and CS Eurocommission II (1998-2002) ▪ Served in the military from 1981-1982 (Savon Prikaati & the Reserve Officer School, class 168) ▪ Has written several books and articles on European Issues [Europe's Next Frontiers (Nomos, Baden-Baden 2006) and Suomen eurooppalainen valinta ei ole suhdannepolitiikkaa (WSOY, Helsinki 2006)] and worked as a columnist in several newspapers between 1985 and 2004

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