

Heikki Talvitie was appointed EU Special Representative for the **South Caucasus** on 7 July 2003 (Joint Action 2003/496/CFSP, [OJ L 169, 8.7.2003](#), Joint Action 2003/872/CFSP, [OJ L 326, 13.12.2003](#), Joint Action 2004/532/CFSP, [OJ L 234, 3.7.2004](#), Joint Action 2005/100/CFSP, [OJ L 31, 4.2.2005](#)). The EUSR will contribute to the implementation of the EU's policy objectives, which include assisting the countries of the South Caucasus in carrying out political and economic reforms, preventing and assisting in the resolution of conflicts, promoting the return of refugees and internally displaced persons, engaging constructively with key national actors neighbouring the region, supporting intra-regional co-operation and ensuring co-ordination, consistency and effectiveness of the EU's action in the South Caucasus. The EUSR will support the work of High Representative Solana in the region.

1. Curriculum Vitae of Mr. TALVITIE Heikki



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Born in Viipuri, Finland, 5 September 1939

Married (Spouse Mrs. Kristiina Talvitie)

EDUCATION:

1963 Graduated from the University of Helsinki (Political Sciences)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

1964 Entered the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

1965-66 Attaché, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

1966-1968 Press Attaché, Attaché, Embassy of Finland, Moscow

1968-70 Second Secretary, Embassy of Finland, The Hague

1970-72 Secretary of Section, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

1972-76 Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Finland to UN, New York

1976-80 Minister-Counsellor, Embassy of Finland, Moscow

1980-82 Ambassador, Director, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

1982-84 Consultant Ambassador as the Finnish Representative in the UN Human Rights Commission, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

1984-88 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of Finland, Belgrade

1988-1992 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of Finland, Moscow, accredited also to Mongolia

1993-96 Under-Secretary of State, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

1995-96 Co-Chairman of the Minsk Conference (OSCE)

1.4.1996-2002 Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Embassy of Finland, Stockholm

Since 1991 Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Danielson-Kalmari History Seminars in Asikkala, Vääksy.

Since 2000 Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the Finnish History Days in Lahti and Asikkala, Vääksy