

Informal ministerial meeting: Competitiveness
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Guest speakers



Jorma Ollila has been Chairman of Royal Dutch Shell plc and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Nokia Corporation since June 2006. Prior to his current duties he served as Chairman and CEO of Nokia (1999 - May 2006). Jorma Ollila holds a M.Sc. (Pol.) degree from the University of Helsinki (1976), a M.Sc. (Econ.) degree from the London School of Economics (1978), and a M.Sc. (Eng.) degree from the Helsinki University of Technology (1981). Ollila is a Board Member of Ford Motor Company, UPM-Kymmene and Otava-Books and magazines publishing company. He is also Chairman of the European Round Table of Industrialists (ERT) and Chairman of the Board of Directors and Supervisory Board of the Finnish Business and Policy Forum EVA and Chairman of the Board of Directors and Supervisory Board of the Research Institute of the Finnish Economy ETLA.



Michael Worley, born in 1936, and educated at Uppingham School and Downing College, Cambridge University, where he read Natural Sciences. In 1963, he became Managing Director, William King Limited and Chairman in 1973 and in 2004, he was appointed President of GEEF (Groupement Européen des Entreprises Familiales). He received the CBE (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) in the Queen's Birthday Honours, 1998, for services to the Regeneration of the Black Country in the West Midlands, England. His interests include reading, sailing, history and gardening.



Juliana Garaizar has joined the Ifex group in the capacity of Managing Director of Ifex Innovation Finance, based in France at Sophia Antipolis. Previously, Mrs. Garaizar worked for 5 years in Singapore: first as an international trade consultant for the Trade Commission of Spain in a broad range of industry sectors and then as a Project Manager for the Asia Technology Office of Citigroup, leading projects both at national and international level. In the more recent past, Mrs. Garaizar has obtained an MBA at the London Business School, specializing in Entrepreneurship and in Venture Capital at the Haas School of Business in Berkeley California. Earlier Mrs. Garaizar obtained a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration at the Universidad Comercial de Deusto in Spain.



Gordon Murray is a Professor of Management (Entrepreneurship) at the School of Business & Economics at the University of Exeter, UK. Previous appointments include faculty positions at London and Warwick Business Schools. He researches and consults on venture capital policy issues internationally. Murray is a senior adviser to the UK government's Small Business Service and is a member of the Small Business Investment Task Force. He has also a member of the Professional Chamber of the Enterprise Policy Group (DG Enterprise) as well as having served on the Risk Capital Expert Group (DG Research). From 1999 to 2003, he was the only academic member of the High-Tech Committee of the British Venture Capital Association. He has evaluated VC programmes for the Finnish, Irish and Australian governments.



Esko Aho, born in 1954, has had a long and distinguished career serving Finnish society. He held the post of Prime Minister of Finland from 1991 to 1995. After the 2000 presidential campaign, Aho joined Harvard University for one year as a lecturer, and following his retirement from the Finnish Parliament, he worked as a private consultant. Mr. Aho was appointed President of the Finnish National Fund for Research and Development (Sitra) as of 1 July 2004. Most recently, Mr. Aho chaired a group of experts on European innovation policy, which submitted its report to the European Commission in January 2006.