

## **Sakari Vuorensola**

Sakari Vuorensola has been working in the field of European Union law for over 25 years. After obtaining a Master of Laws from Helsinki University in 1984 and assisting a Professor in International Law, he worked in the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1986-1992). In the 90's, he actively contributed in the process leading Finland to EU membership on 1 January 1995 and was the Legal Counsellor of Finnish Permanent Representation at the EU in Brussels (Belgium). After Finland became a Member State of the EU, Sakari Vuorensola worked in the Finnish Ministry of Justice and in the Finnish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) responsible i.a. for the EU Coordination. He moved to Frankfurt (Germany) in 1998 to work in the European Central Bank (ECB) where he prepared the ECB's opinions on draft legislation and contributed to the definition of the ECB's legal position vis-à-vis the EU institutions and in international fora (e.g. International Monetary Fund). He came back to the MFA responsible i.a. for EU Law.

In 2006, he joined the EU Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the EU (Frontex) based in Warsaw as the Chief Legal Advisor. He was the Director of the Administration Division of the Agency which provides him with a wide expertise in the area of human resources, legal affairs, finance and procurement, as well as information technology and communication in EU public administration.

Since 1997, he is a member of the Appeal Board (International Commission of Judges) of the *Fédération Internationale des Motocyclisme*. Based on pragmatism and legal reasoning, he has built thorough competences in dealing with appeals lodged against decisions.