

# ESTLAND

## Minister of Education and Research

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### Education

1981	Candidate of Physics-Mathematics, Physics Institute of Estonian Academy of Sciences
1976	University of Tartu, Faculty of Physics and Chemistry, Theoretical Physics cum laude
1971	Tartu Secondary School No 2

### Career

6 April 2011	Minister of Education and Research
2011-	XII Riigikogu, member
2007-2010	Minister of Defence
2007-	XI Riigikogu, member
1998 – 2007	Rector of the University of Tartu
12.1996 – 5.1998	Head of the Institute of Experimental Physics and Technology of the University of Tartu
01.1996 – 11.1996	Minister of Education
11.1995 – 12.1995	Minister of Culture and Education
07.1992 – 11.1995	First pro-rector of the University of Tartu
10 – 11.1995	Substitute Head of the Institute of Experimental Physics and Technology of the University of Tartu
Since 1992	Professor of optics and spectroscopy in the University of Tartu
1976 – 1992	Junior, senior and lead researcher at the Institute of Physics of Estonian Academy of Sciences

**Further education**

1991, 1994, 2001	VII University of Paris
1991	University of Osaka
1987 – 1988, 1989	Max Planck Institute for the research of solids, Stuttgart
1981	Novosibirsk Institute of Thermal Physics

**Foreign languages:**

- English
- Russian
- German
- French (intermediate)
- Spanish (elementary)

**Party:**

- Pro Patria and Res Publica Union