

## Biography – Mari Ylä-Jarkko



Mari Ylä-Jarkko is Director of Data and Statistical Services at Statistics Finland. She acts as Deputy Director General and is chair of The Advisory Board of Official Statistics of Finland. She is also member of the steering group of the UN Praia -group on governance statistics and member of several national steering groups on data policy.

Her goal is to produce best statistics in the world to meet the user needs and to improve the data governance in Finland. The value of data increases only when it is used.

She has been a leader in national and international official data and statistics since 2015 and she has knowledge on several statistical areas for three decades. Her experience has been gained in Statistics Finland, Natural Resources Institute Finland, as well as the IMF. Mari Ylä-Jarkko holds master's degree in statistics from the university of Joensuu and has degree on management and leadership.