

Marja Makarow – biography



Marja Makarow is Director of Biocenter Finland, and former Vice-President of the Finnish Research Council - Academy of Finland (2012-2016), Chief Executive of the European Science Foundation ESF, Strasbourg France (2008-2011), Vice-Rector for Research, Researcher Training and innovation of the University of Helsinki (2003-2007) and Professor of Applied Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. She is member of the Advisory Board of the European Innovation Council EIC and former member of the Governing Board of the European Institute for Innovation and Technology EIT. She chairs Technology Academy Finland that awards

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