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Biography

Marju Lauristin is an Estonian Member of the European Parliament and Vice-Chair of the Group of Socialists and Democrats. She has an academic career in social sciences and is a Professor in Tartu University since 1995. Her research has covered migration and integration issues since 1997. She has also been the member of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities.

Ms Lauristin was one of the establishing members of 'Rahvarinne' in 1988, the first large-scale independent political movement in Estonia since the beginning of the Soviet occupation. She has since been Chairman of the Estonian Social Democratic Party, deputy speaker of the Estonian parliament, minister of Social Affairs of Estonia, and member of the Estonian Parliament. Currently she is a member of the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee at the European Parliament.