

The conviction of the former Director General of the NBPR for fraud was upheld by the Appeal Court

According to the Helsinki Court of Appeal, Martti Enäjärvi, the former Director General of the National Board of Patents and Registration, has been guilty of fraud in payment instruments and breach of duty.



Former Director General of the National Board of Patents and Registration Martti Enäjärvi in the Helsinki District Court on Wednesday, October 26, 2011. Photo: Vesa Moilanen / Lehtikuva

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The Helsinki Court of Appeal did not change the judgment of the district court but held that Martti Enäjärvi, the former Director General of the National Board of Patents and Registration, had committed fraud and breach of duty.

A year ago, the District Court sentenced Enäjärvi to 80 days' fine, which means a fine of just over 8,000 euros.

While working in a government position, Enäjärvi illegally swiped his employer's credit card to approximately EUR 50,000 in 2005–2010. He has subsequently repaid the amount in full.

According to the Helsinki Court of Appeal, Enäjärvi violated his duty of office by violating the regulations concerning the use of the state credit card. In addition, the court found him guilty of payment fraud because he had used a government credit card to take out personal loans for financial gain.