

## Enäjärvi refused leave to appeal to the Supreme Court

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In December, the Helsinki Court of Appeal sentenced Mr Enäjärvi to pay an 80-day fine, or €8320, for breach of official duty and fraudulent use of payment instruments. The district court had also previously reached the same conclusion.

According to the court, Mr Enäjärvi had withdrawn money from ATMs using a state credit card over a period of several years, even though the withdrawals had nothing to do with his official duties. The total amount of the unjustified withdrawals was almost €49 000. Mr Enäjärvi has reimbursed the money to the Agency.

According to the Court of Appeal, Mr Enäjärvi had breached the rules on the use of the state credit card and was therefore guilty of misconduct in office. The Court of Appeal considered the withdrawals to be *de facto* instant debits made with a state credit card and therefore also constituted fraudulent use of payment instruments.

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