

## Information Guide



### Finland

**A guide to information sources on the Republic of Finland.**

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- [Finland – External / Internal / Regions](#)

## General information

- Finland: [Government portal](#) (Valtioneuvosto)
- European Union: European Countries: [Finland](#)
- Wikipedia: [Finland](#)
- United Nations: Data: Country Profiles: [Finland](#)
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: [Finland](#)
- United States: CIA World Factbook: [Finland](#)
- United States: Department of State: [Finland](#)
- BBC News: Country Profiles: [Finland](#)
- SearchEnginesoftheWorld: European Search Engines, Directories and Lists: [Finland](#)
- NationMaster: Home: Country Info: Profiles: [Finland](#)
- UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies Library: [Internet resources on Finland](#)
- Find websites on [Finland](#) through Google
- The Guardian: World news: [Finland](#)
- Encyclopaedia Britannica: World data: [Finland](#)

## Agricultural information

- Finland: [Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry](#) (Maa- ja metsätalousministeriö)
- Finland: [Natural Resources Institute Finland](#) (Luonnonvarakeskus)
- FAO: Country profile and Mapping information system: [Finland](#)
- OECD: Agriculture and Fisheries: [Finland](#)
- European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development:
  - [Agriculture and Rural Development](#)
  - Rural Development Plans 2014-2020: [Finland](#)
- European Commission: European Network for Rural Development: [Country Information](#) [Select Country]
- Organic Europe: Organic farming in Europe: [Finland](#)

## Competition policy information

- Finland: [Finnish Competition and Consumer Authority](#) (Kilpailu- ja kuluttajavirasto)
- Finland: Ministry of Employment and the Economy (Työ- ja elinkeinoministeriö):
  - [Competition Policy](#)
- Finland: [Finnish Communications Regulatory Authority](#) (Viestintävirasto)

## Culture and language information

- Finland: [Ministry of Education and culture](#) (Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriö)
- Finland: [National Board of Antiques](#) (Museovirasto)
- Finland: [Arts Promotion Centre](#) (Taiteen keskustoimikunta)
- Finland: [Suomi.fi -One address for citizens' services](#) (Suomi.fi -kansalaisen palvelut yhdestä osoitteesta)
- European Commission: Languages: Information: [Regional and Minority Language Products](#)

- European Commission: Programmes: Creative Tools: Creative Europe Desk: [Finland](#)
- SIL international: Ethnologue: Languages of the world: [Finland](#)
- University of the Highlands and the Islands: [European Minority Languages](#)
- UNESCO: World Heritage Sites: [Finland](#)
- Council of Europe / ERICarts: Cultural policies in Europe: [Finland](#)

## Defence and security information

- Finland: [Ministry of Defence](#) (Puolustusministeriö)
- Finland: [The Finnish Defence Forces](#) (Puolustusvoimat)
- NATO: Relations with [Finland](#)

## Economic information

- ESO: Finland: [Economic situation](#)
- Finland: [Ministry of Finance](#) (Valtiovarainministeriö)
- Finland: [Bank of Finland](#) (Suomen Pankki)
- Finland: [Government Institute for Economic Research](#)
- European Commission: Economic and Financial Affairs:
  - Economies of Member States: [Finland](#)
  - [Stability and Convergence Programmes](#) [Finland]
- European Commission: Europe 2020: Europe in your country: [Finland](#)
- European Commission: European Commission: DG Regional Policy: Measuring performance: Country Fact Sheets: [Finland](#)
- European Commission: DG Taxation and Customs Union:
  - [Taxes in Europe Database](#) [Select Country]
- International Monetary Fund: [Finland](#) and the IMF
- OECD:
  - Country List: [Finland](#)
  - [Economic Survey](#) [Latest edition, 2014]
- UNIDO: Country information: [Finland](#)
- UNCTAD/WTO: International Trade Centre: [Finland](#)
- WTO: [Finland](#) and the WTO
- United States: US Commercial Service: [Doing Business in Finland](#)

## Education information

- Finland: [Ministry of Education and Culture](#) (Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriö)
  - [Education Policy](#)
  - [Education System](#)
- European Council/European Union: Youth Partnership: [Youth Policy in Finland](#)
- European Commission: Education & training: Study in Europe: [European Higher Education](#)
- European Commission: Programmes: Erasmus+: Tools: [National-agencies](#) [select country]
- Eurydice: Eurypedia - The European Encyclopedia on National Education Systems: [Finland](#)
- European Union: Your Europe: Citizens: [Education](#) [select topic then country]
- Council of Europe/UNESCO/European Commission: ENIC-NARIC – Getaway to Recognition of Academic and Professional Qualifications: : Country profiles: [Finland](#)
- OECD: Education: [Finland](#)
- UNESCO Institute for Statistics: [Education in Finland](#)

- World Bank: World DataBank: EdStats: [Summary Education Profile](#)
- European Education Directory: EuroEducation: [Structure of Educational system in Finland](#)
- Wikipedia: [Education in Finland](#)

## Employment information

- Finland: [Ministry of Employment and the Economy](#) (Työ- ja elinkeinoministeriö)
- Finland: [Labour Market](#)
- Finland: [Working Life 2020](#)
- OECD: Key Employment Statistics: [Finland](#)
- European Commission: [Europe 2020 in Finland](#)
- European Commission: EURES: Living & Working: [Finland](#)
- Eurofound: Home: Observatories: European Observatory of Working Life - EurWORK: [Industrial relations country profiles](#)
- European Trade Union Institution: Worker Participation: National Industrial Relations: [Finland](#)
- Federation of European Employers: Pay and working conditions across Europe: [Finland](#)
- International Labour Organization, ILO: NATLEX: [Finland](#)

## Energy information

- Finland: Ministry of Employment and the Economy (Työ ja elinkeinoministeriö): [Energy](#)
- Finland: [Environmental Administration](#)
- Finland: [Finnish Environment Institute](#)
- European Commission: DG Energy:
  - [Statistics by country](#)
  - [Energy Statistical Pocketbook](#) [select year and country]
  - [National Renewable Energy Action Plans](#) [select country]
- European Commission: DG Energy: [ManagEnergy](#)
- International Energy Agency:
  - [Finland](#)
  - Statistics and Balances: [Finland](#)
- United States: Energy Information Administration: [Finland](#)

## Environmental information

- Finland: [Ministry of the Environment](#) (Ympäristöministeriö)
- Finland: [Environmental Administration](#) (Ympäristöhallinto)
- Finland: [Finnish Environment Institute](#) (Suomen ympäristökeskus)
- European Commission: DG Environment: LIFE: [Finland](#)
- European Environment Agency:
  - EIONET - European Environment Information and Observation Network: [Finland](#)
  - SERIS - State of the Environment Reporting Information System: [Finland](#)
- European Environment Agency: EPANET - European Network of the Heads of Environment Protection Agencies: [Finland](#)
- European Environmental Bureau: Members: [Finland](#)
- FAO: Country Profiles: [Finland](#)
- OECD: Environment: [Finland](#)
- Friends of the Earth International: [Finland](#)
- Greenpeace International: [Finland](#)

## European policies and relations with the European Union

- Finland: [Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#) (Ulkoasiainministeriö)
  - [Finland and the European Union](#)
  - [Permanent Representation to the European Union](#)
- Finland: [Bank of Finland](#) (Suomen Pankki)
  - [The Euro](#)
  - [SEPA](#): Single Euro Payments Area
  - [European System of Central Banks](#)
- European Union: Member Countries: [Finland](#)
- European Union: Europe Direct Information Network: [Finland](#)
- European Commission: [Representation in Finland](#) [in Finnish]
- European Commission: Enterprise Europe Network: [Finland](#)
- European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs:
  - [Finland](#)
  - [Finland and the Euro](#)
- European Commission: DG Regional Policy: [Finland](#)
- European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural Development Policy 2014-2020: [Finland](#)
- European Parliament: EP Information Offices: [Finland](#) [Click on map to select country]
- European Investment Bank: Finance contracts signed: [Finland](#)
- Council of Europe: Member States: [Finland](#) [Select country]
- OECD: [Finland](#)
- OSCE: Delegations: [Finland](#)

## Geographic information and maps

- European Union: Europe maps: [Finland](#)
- FAO: Country profiles and mapping information system: Country maps: [Finland](#)
- Maps of the World: [Finland](#)
- Lonely Planet: [Map of Finland](#)
- University of Texas: Perry Castañeda Library Map Collection: [Finland maps](#)
- Norden: [Maps of the Nordic Region](#)
- Google.com: GoogleMaps: [Finland](#)

## Health information

- Finland: [Ministry of Social Affairs and Health](#) (Sosiaali- ja terveysministeriö)
- European Union: Your Europe: Citizens: Health: National contacts in [Finland](#)
- European Commission: DG Health & Consumers: Public health: Healthcare: [Finland](#)
- European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA):
  - Country Overviews: [Finland](#)
  - Country Legal Profiles: [Finland](#)
  - Drug Treatment Profiles: [Finland](#)
  - National Drug Strategies: [Finland](#)
- OECD: Health: [Finland](#)
- World Health Organisation:
  - Countries: [Finland](#)
  - Regional Office for Europe: [Finland](#)
  - European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies: Health System Reviews: [Finland](#)

## Human rights information

- Finland: Ministry for Foreign Affairs (Ulkoasiainministeriö): [Human Rights](#)
- Council of Europe:
  - European Social Charter: [National Reports](#) [Select Country]
  - European Committee for the Prevention of Torture: State documents and visits: [Finland](#)
  - European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI): [Report on Finland](#)
- European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): [Documents on Finland](#)
- European Court of Human Rights:
  - Country Profiles: [Finland](#)
  - [Violation by Article and by State 1959-2010](#)
  - [Statistics on Judgments by State 1959-2010](#)
- United Nations:
  - Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: OHCHR in [Finland](#)
  - UNHCR – The UN Refugee Agency: Country Information: [Finland](#)
- United States: Committee for Refugees and Immigrants: World Refugee Survey: [Finland](#) (2009)
- United States: Department of State:
  - Country Reports on Human Rights Practices: [Finland](#) (2013)
  - Reports on International Religious Freedom: [Finland](#) (2013)
- Amnesty International: [Finland](#)
- Reporters Without Borders: [Freedom of Information in Finland](#)

## Intellectual property information

- Finland: [National Board of Patents and Registration](#) (Patentti- ja rekisterihallitus)
- European Patent Office: Patent Information Centre: [Finland](#)
- World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO): Member States: [Finland](#)

## Investment information

- Finland: [Invest in Finland Bureau](#)
- United States Commercial Service: Doing business in [Finland](#)
- United Kingdom: UK Trade & Investment: Country profiles: [Finland](#)
- World Bank: [Finland](#)
- OECD: Investment: [Finland](#)
- OECD: Industry and Entrepreneurship: [Finland](#)

## Justice and home affairs information

- Finland: [Ministry of Justice](#) (Oikeusministeriö)
- Finland: [Ministry of the Interior](#) (Sisäasiainministeriö)
- European Commission: DG Justice: Data Protection: National Policy Documents : [Finland](#)
- Council of Europe:
  - European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): Documents on [Finland](#)
  - Group of States against Corruption (GRECO): [Evaluation and Compliance Reports](#) [Select Country]
- United States: Law Library of Congress: Law online: [Finland](#)
- OECD: Bribery and Corruption: [Finland](#)

- University of Bern: International Constitutional Law: Countries: [Finland](#)
- EUDO Observatory on Citizenship: Citizenship laws and policy: [Finland](#)

## Living and working information

- Finland: Ministry of Labour: [Working in Finland](#)
- Finland: Public Services in Finland: [suomi.fi](#)
- European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion: EURES – The European Job Mobility Portal: Living & Working in [Finland](#)
- European Commission: DG Press and Communication: [Your Europe](#) [select topic]
- Eurofound - European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions: [Finland](#)
  - European Observatory of Working Life (EURWORK): [Finland](#)
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Travel and Living Abroad: [Finland](#)
- United States: State Department: Bureau of European & Eurasian Affairs: Country reports: [Finland](#)
- JustLanded.com: Living, Working or Studying: [Finland](#)

## Media information

- Finland: [Ministry of Transport and Communications](#)
- Finland: [Council for Mass Media in Finland](#) (Julkisen sanan neuvosto)
- European Broadcasting Union (EBU): Broadcasting Organizations
- European Journalism Centre (EJC): Media Landscape: [Finland](#)
- European Newspaper Publishers Association: [ENPA Members](#) [select country]
- ABYZ News Links: Europe Newspapers and Newsmedia: [Finland](#)
- Guardian Newspaper Ltd.: Guardian Unlimited: World News Guide: [Finland](#)
- Newslink: European newspapers: [Finland](#)
- Online Newspapers: [Finland](#)
- Radiomap.eu: Radio Stations in [Finland](#) (in Finnish)

## Political information (including Elections)

- ESO: Finland: [Political situation](#)
- ESO: Finland: Political situation: [Elections](#)
- Finland: [Government portal](#)
  - [Constitution](#)
  - [Government system](#)
  - [Ministries](#)
- Finland: [Parliament](#) (Suomen Eduskunta)
- Finland: [Prime Minister's office Finland](#)
- Finland: [Prime Minister](#)
- Finland: [Presidency](#)
- Finland: [Elections website of the Ministry of Justice](#)
- OECD: Public Governance: [Finland](#)
- OECD: Regulatory Reform: [Finland](#)
- International Foundation for Electoral Systems: Election Guide: [Finland](#)
- NCCR Democracy:
  - EU Profiler: [Finland](#)
  - Parties and Elections in Europe: [Finland](#)
- Parties and Elections in Europe: Countries: [Finland](#)

- United States: Law Library of Congress: Law online: Nations: [Finland](#)
- Wikipedia:
  - Politics of [Finland](#)
  - Elections in [Finland](#)

## Public management information

- Finland: [Ministry of Finance](#)
- Finland: [Finnish Institute of Public Management Ltd](#) (HAUS)
- Suomi.fi: [Information about the public management structure](#)
- European Commission: Interoperability Solutions for European Public Administrations (ISA): Joinup:
  - Communities: National Interoperability Framework Observatory (Nifo): [eGovernment Factsheets](#)
- European Commission: ePractice: eGovernment Factsheet: [Finland](#)
- OECD: Public Governance: [Finland](#)
- PSI Navigator (Directory and search engine for the public sector information of Europe): National reports: [Finland](#)

## R&D information

- Finland: [Ministry of Education and Culture](#) (Opetus- ja kulttuuriministeriö)
- Finland: [The Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation](#) (TEKES)
- European Commission: Community Research and Development Information Service (CORDIS): National R&D Information Service: [Finland](#)
- European Commission: DG Research and Innovation:
  - [European Research Area 2004-2009](#) [click on map to select country]
  - [European Research Area 2013](#) [click on map to select country]
- European Commission: Innovation Union:
  - [Innovation Union Competitiveness Report 2013](#)
  - [Research and Innovation performance in Country 2014](#) [select country on map]
- European Regions Research & Innovation Network (ERRIN): [Members](#): Finland
- OECD:
  - Innovation: [Finland](#)
  - Science and technology: [Finland](#)
  - Green growth and Sustainable development: [Finland](#)

## Regional and local information

- Finland: [Regional Councils in Finland](#) (Maakuntien liitot)
- Finland: [Association of Finnish and Regional Authorities](#) (Kuntaliitto)
- European Commission: Eurostat: [Regions](#)
- Committee of the Regions: Finland Regions: Europe in my Regions: [Finland](#)
- OECD: Regional rural and urban development: [Finland](#)
- Assembly of Europe Regions: AER Member Regions: [Finland](#)
- European Regions Research & Innovation: ERRIN [Members](#): [click on map to select country]
- Council of Europe: Congress of Local and Regional Authorities: National Delegations: [Country](#) [select country]
- [Åland](#)
- [Central Finland](#)
- [Central Ostrobothnia](#) [in Finnish]



- [South Savo](#)
  - [South Savo and the EU](#)
- [Kanta-Häme](#)
- [Kainuu](#)
- [Kymenlaakso](#)
- [Lapland](#)
  - [Lapland and the EU](#)
- [North Carelia](#)
- [Northern Ostrobothnia](#)
- [Northern Savo](#)
- [Ostrobothnia](#)
- [Päijät-Häme](#)
- [Satakunta](#)
- [South Karelia](#)
- [South Ostrobothnia](#)
- [South-West Finland](#)
  - [South-West Finland and the EU](#)
- [Tampere Region](#)
  - [Tampere Region and the EU](#)
- [Helsinki-Uusimaa](#)
  - [Helsinki-Uusimaa and the EU](#)

## Social information

- Finland: [Ministry of Social Affairs and Health](#) (Sosiaali- ja Terveysministeri)
- Finland: [National Institute for Health and Welfare](#) (STAKES)
- Finland: [The Social Insurance Institution of Finland](#) (KELA)
- European Commission: DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion:
  - Your rights in [Finland](#) [Select Country]
  - Social Protection in the EU [find country-related information on social security systems] [Social Protection & Social Inclusion](#)
- European Commission: MISSOC Secretariat:
  - [Organisation of Social Protection](#)
  - [Social Protection of the Self-Employed](#)
- DG Regional Policy: InfoRegio: [European Social Progress Index](#) [information is broken down by region in each country]
- Council of Europe: European Social Charter: Country Factsheets: [Finland](#)
- OECD:
  - Insurance and Pensions: [Finland](#)
  - Social and welfare issues: [Finland](#)
- World Bank:
  - [Gender Statistics](#)
  - Country Information: [Finland](#)
- United States:
  - Social Security Administration: Social Security Programs Throughout the World: [Finland](#) [2012]
  - Research, Statistics & Policy Analysis: [Finland](#)
- UNICEF: [Finland](#)

## Statistical information

- Finland: [National Statistical Institute](#) (Tilastokeskus)
- Finland: [Bank of Finland](#) (Suomen pankki)
- United Nations: Statistics Division: Country Profiles: [Finland](#)
- Eurostat: Country Profiles: [Finland](#) [select country]

- World Bank: Data: Countries and Economies: [Finland](#)
- OECD: Country Statistical Profile: [Finland](#)
- Eurostat: [Eurostat Yearbook](#)
- UNESCO: Institute for Statistics: [Finland](#) [Select country]
- Nation Master: [Statistics on Finland](#)

## Tourism information

- Finland: [Finnish Tourist Board](#) (Matkailun edistämiskeskus)
- Finland: [Visit Finland](#)
- Finland: [DiscoveringFinland](#)
- Guardian Newspaper Ltd.: Guardian Unlimited Travel: [Finland](#)
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: [Finland](#)
- Lonely Planet: [Introducing Finland](#)
- Rough Guides: [Finland](#)
- Tripadvisor.co.uk: [Finland](#)
- The Telegraph: [Finland](#)

## Transport information

- Finland: [Ministry of Transport and Communications](#) (Liikenne- ja viestintäministeriö)
- Finland: [Finnair](#)
- Finland: [National Railway](#)
- Wikipedia: [Transport in Finland](#)
- NationMaster.com: Transportation in [Finland](#)
- European Commission: DG Mobility & Transport: Statistics: [Statistical pocketbook 2014, 2013](#)
- European Commission: DG Mobility & Transport: [Scoreboard: Road Safety "How is your country doing?"](#) [2013]

## Weather information

- Finland: [Finnish Meteorological Institute](#) (Ilmatieteenlaitos)
  - [Climate in Finland](#)
- Finland: [Foreca](#)
- BBC: Weather Centre: Country Guides: [Finland](#)
- World Meteorological Organization: World Weather Information Service: [Finland](#)
- BBC Weather Centre: Climate Guide and Five Day Weather Forecast: [Finland](#)

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