# Country Information Guide

## Finland

A guide to information sources on the Republic of Finland, with hyperlinks to information within European Sources Online and on external websites

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General information

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- European Union: European Countries: Finland
- Wikipedia: 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
- 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: Agrifood Research Finland (Maatalouden tutkimuskeskus)
- Finland: Finnish Forest Research Institute (Metsäntutkimuslaitos)
- 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 2000-2006: Finland
  - Rural Development Plans 2007-2013: Finland
- European Commission: European Network for Rural Development:

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 kulttuuriministriö)
- Finland: National Board of Antiques (Museovirasto)
- Finland: Arts Promotion Centre (Taiteen keskustoimikunta)
- Euromosaic: Minority Languages in the European Union [select country]
- 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: DG Economic and Financial Affairs: Finland
- European Commission: Stability and Convergence Programmes 2014
- European Commission: DG Taxation and Customs Union:
  - Taxes in Europe Database [Select Country]
  - Taxation and customs duties in Finland
- International Monetary Fund: Finland and the IMF
- OECD: Country List: Finland
  - Economic Survey [2012]
  - Overview [Latest edition, 2014]
  - Overview [2012.]
- 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 Commission: Youth Partnership: Youth Policy in Finland
- Eurydice: Eurypedia - The European Encyclopedia on National Education Systems: Finland
- European Union: Your Europe: Citizens: Education [select topic then country]
- World Bank: EdStats: Summary Education Profile
- OECD: Education: Finland
- Council of Europe/UNESCO/European Commission: ENIC: Country profiles: Finland [offers links to national education authorities and information sites]
- Council of Europe: Cultural Cooperation: Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights: Country profile
- Council of Europe: European Charter for regional or minority languages: Finland
- UNESCO Institute for Statistics: Education in Finland
- European Education Directory: EuroEducation: Structure of Educational system in Finland
- Nation Master: Education in Finland: Statistics
- Wikipedia: Education in Finland

Employment information

- Finland: Ministry of Employment and the Economy (Työ- ja elinkeinoministeriö)
- European Commission: Europe 2020 in Finland
- OECD: Key Employment Statistics: Finland
• European Industrial Relations Observatory online: Country information
• Federation of European Employers: Pay and working conditions across Europe: Finland
• European Trade Union Institution: Worker Participation: National Industrial Relations: Finland
• International Labour Organization: NATLEX: Finland

Energy information

• Finland: Ministry of Employment and the Economy (Työ ja elinkeinoministeriö):
  o Energy
• European Commission: DG Energy: ManagEnergy:
  o National Energy Agencies
  o National Energy Actors
  o National Energy Legislation
• International Energy Agency:
  o Finland
  o Statistics and Balances: Finland
• Nation Master: Country Profile: Finland
• United States: Energy Information Administration: Finland

Environmental information

• Finland: Environmental Administration (Ympäristöhallinto)
• Finland: Ministry of the Environment (Ympäristöministeriö)
• Finland: Finnish Environment Institute
• European Commission: DG Environment: LIFE: Finland
• FAO:
  o Specialised Country Profiles: Finland
  o Food Security and Safety: Country Profiles: Finland
  o Forestry Department: Country Information: Finland
  o Water Management: Country Information: Finland
• European Environment Information and Observation Network EIONET: Country Information Sources: Finland
• State of the Environment Reporting Information System SERIS: Finland
• European Environment Agency
  o The European Environment – State and outlook 2010: Country profile: Finland
• OECD: Environment: Finland
• European Network of the Heads of Environment Protection Information: Finland
• Friends of the Earth International: Finland
• European Environmental Bureau: Members: Finland

European policies and relations with the European Union

• Finland: Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Ulkosuurlaisministeriö):
  o Finland and the European Union
  o Permanent Representation to the European Union
• Finland: Finnish Government: Finland in the European Union
• Finland: Bank of Finland (Suomen Pankki)
  o The Euro
  o SEPA: Single Euro Payments Area
  o European System of Central Banks
• European Union: Member Countries: Finland
• European Union: Europe Direct Information Network: Finland
• European Parliament: EP Information Offices [Click on map to select country]
• European Commission: Representation in Finland [in Finnish]
• European Commission: DG Economic and Financial Affairs:
  o Finland
  o Finland and the Euro
• European Commission: DG Regional Policy: Cohesion policy 2007-2013: Finland
• European Commission: DG Agriculture and Rural Development: Rural Development Policy 2007-2013: Finland
• European Information Networks: Finland [select from list]
• European Investment Bank: Finance contracts signed, 2005-: Finland
• European Parliament: Information Office: Finland [in Finnish and Swedish]
• Council of Europe: Member States: Finland [Select country]
• Finland: Permanent delegation to the OECD and UNESCO
• OECD: 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
• Nordic Council: 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: Trustworthy websites on "Healthcare" in Finland
• World Health Organisation:
  o Finland
  o Regional Office for Europe: Finland
  o European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies: Health System Reviews: Finland
• European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA):
  o Drug treatment profiles: Finland
  o Legal Profile: Finland [Select Country]
  o Country Overview: Finland
  o National drugs strategies: Finland
  o Legal Topics Overview: [Select Country]
• OECD: Health: Finland
• Wikipedia: Healthcare in Finland

Human rights information

• Finland: Ministry for Foreign Affairs (Ulkoasiainministeriö): Human Rights
• United Nations: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights: Finland
• The UN Refugee Agency: Country Information Collection: Finland
• Council of Europe: European Commission Against Racism and Intolerance: Report on Finland [2013]
• Council of Europe: European Commission for Democracy Through Law (Venice Commission): Finland
• Council Of Europe: European Social Charter: National Reports [Select Country]
• Council of Europe: European Committee for the Prevention of Torture: State documents and visits: Finland
• Amnesty International:
  o Country Report: Finland [2012]
  o Human rights: Finland
• Committee for Refugees: Europe
• Reporters Without Borders: Finland
• USA: State Department:
  o Country Reports on Human Rights Practices: Finland [2013]
  o Previous Reports
• USA: State Department:
  o International Religious Freedom Report for 2012: Finland
  o Previous Reports
• European Court of Human Rights:
  o Country Fact Sheet: Finland
  o Violation by Article and By State 2012 [Select Country]
  o Statistics on Judgments by State [Select Country]
• Wikipedia: Human rights in Finland

Intellectual property information

• Finland: National Board of Patents and Registration (Patentti- ja rekisterihallitus)
• World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO): Member States: Finland
• European Patent Office: Patent Information Centre: 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 the Interior (Sisäasiainministeriö)
• Finland: Ministry of Justice (Olkeusministeriö)
• European Commission: DG Justice: Data Protection: National Policy Documents: Finland
• Council of Europe: European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission): Documents on Finland
• Council of Europe: Group of States against Corruption (GRECO): Evaluation and Compliance Reports [Select Country]
• United States: Law Library of Congress: Law online: Finland
• International Constitutional Law: Constitutional Documents: Finland
• OECD: Bribery and Corruption: Finland
• University of Bern: International Constitutional Law: Countries: Finland
• European Court of Justice: Finland
• European Court of Human Rights: Statistical Information [annual statistics analysis]: 2013
• EUDO Observatory on Citizenship: Citizenship laws and policy: Finland
Living and working information

- Finland: Public Services in Finland: suomi.fi
- Finland: Ministry of Labour: Working in Finland
- European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working conditions: Homepage
- European Commission: DG Press and Communication: Your Europe [Find factsheets with specific information on individual Member States]
- European Working Conditions Observatory (EWCO): National Surveys: Finland
- United Kingdom: Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Travel and Living Abroad: Finland
- JustLanded.com: Living, Working or Studying: Finland
- Foreign & Commonwealth Office: Travel and Living Abroad: Finland
- United States: State Department: Bureau of European & Eurasian Affairs: Country reports: Finland

Media information

- Finland: Council for Mass Media in Finland (Julkisen sanan neuvosto)
- Finland: Ministry of Transport and Communications: Press
- Nordic Council: Nordic media
- European Journalism Centre (EJC): Media Landscape: Finland
- European Newspaper Publishers Association (ENPA): Finland
- European Broadcasting Union (EBU): Broadcasting Organizations
- Newslink: European newspapers: Finland
- ABYZ News Links: Europe Newspapers and Newsmedia: Finland
- Radiomap.eu: [Select Country]
- Online Newspapers: Finland

Political information (including Elections)

- ESO: Finland: Political situation
- ESO: Finland: Political situation: Elections
- Finland: Government portal
  - Constitution
  - Government system
  - Ministries
  - Cabinet and ministers
- Finland: Parliament (Suomen Eduskunta)
- Finland: Prime Minister
- Finland: Presidency
- Finland: Elections website of the Ministry of Justice
- Wikipedia:
  - Politics of Finland
  - Elections in Finland
- NCCR Democracy: EU Profiler [Select country]
- Parties and Elections in Europe: Finland
- United States: Law Library of Congress: Law online: Nations: Finland
- Political resources on the web: Finland
- OECD:
  - Public governance: Finland
  - Regulatory reform: Finland
Public management information

- Finland: A window to Finnish Information Society: [eFinland](#)
- Finland: [Finnish Institute of Public Management Ltd](#) (HAUS)
- Finland: Ministry of Finance: [Public management reforms](#)
- Suomi.fi: [Information about the public management structure](#)
- 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: DG Enterprise: Community Research and Development Information Service: [Finland](#)
- European Commission: Innovation Union:
  - [Innovation Union Competitiveness Report 2011](#) [click on map to select country]
  - [Research and Innovation performance in Country 2013](#) [select country on map]
- 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 Regions Research & Innovation Network (ERRIN): [Members](#) [click on map to select country]
- 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)
- Eurostat: [Regional Yearbook 2013](#)
- 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
  - Kanta-Häme and the EU
- Kainuu
  - Kainuu and the EU
- Kymenlaakso
- Lapland
  - Lapland and the EU
• North Carelia
• Northern Ostrobothnia
  o Northern Ostrobothnia and the EU
• Northern Savo
  o Northern Savo and the EU
• Päijät-Häme
  o Päijät-Häme and the EU
• Satakunta
• South Karelia
• South Ostrobothnia
• South-West Finland
  o South-West Finland and the EU
• Tampere Region
  o Tampere Region and the EU
• Helsinki-Uusimaa
  o 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
• Council of Europe: European Social Charter: Country Factsheets: Finland
• OECD:
  • Insurance and Pensions: Finland
  • Social and welfare issues: Finland
• World Bank:
  o Gender Statistics
  o Country Information: Finland
• United States: Social Security Administration: Research, Statistics and Policy
  Analysis: Finland
• United States: Social Security Administration: Social Security Programs Throughout the World: Finland [Previous issue: 2010]
• 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: This is Finland
- Finland: Discovering Finland
- 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: Scoreboard: Road Safety "How is your country doing?" [2013]

Weather information

- Finland: Finnish Meteorological Institute (Ilmatieteenlaitos)
- 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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