Information Guide

Finland

A guide to information sources on the Republic of Finland.

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Information sources in the ESO database

- 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
- 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 kulttuuriministriö)
- 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
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: DG Taxation and Customs Union:
  - Taxes in Europe Database [Select Country]
- International Monetary Fund: Finland and the IMF
- OECD:
  - Country List: Finland
- 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 Counsel/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]
- 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:
  o Statistics by country
  o Energy Statistical Pocketbook [select year and country]
  o National Renewable Energy Action Plans [select country]
• European Commission: DG Energy: ManagEnergy
• International Energy Agency:
  o Finland
  o 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:
  o EIONET - European Environment Information and Observation Network: Finland
  o 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
• FAQ: 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 (Ulkosaaministeriö)
  - 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 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 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: Department of State:
- Amnesty International: Finland
- Reporters Without Borders: Freedom of Information in Finland

Intellectual property information

- Finland: National Board of Patents and Registration (Patentti- ja rekisterihallitus)
- 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)
- 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
  o 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
• 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
  o Constitution
  o Government system
  o 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:
  o EU Profiler: Finland
  o Parties and Elections in Europe: Finland
• Parties and Elections in Europe: Countries: Finland
• United States: Law Library of Congress: Law online: Nations: Finland
• Wikipedia:
  o Politics of Finland
  o 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: 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 Network: 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
  o South Savo and the EU
• Kanta-Häme
• Kainuu
• Kymenlaakso
• Lapland
  o Lapland and the EU
• North Carelia
• Northern Ostrobothnia
• Northern Savo
• Ostrobothnia
• Päijät-Häme
• 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 Terveytsministeri)
• 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:
  o Gender Statistics
  o Country Information: Finland
• United States:
  o Social Security Administration: Social Security Programs Throughout the World: Finland [2012]
  o 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]
Tourism information

- Finland: Finnish Tourist Board (Matkailun edistämiskeskus)
- Finland: Visit 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)
  - 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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