

The Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities

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The Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities represents Finnish municipalities, towns and cities. Regional councils, hospital districts, special care districts and municipal organisations in fields such as education all cooperate with the Association.

The Association's core tasks are to promote the interests and development of Finnish municipalities and to provide services for them and for the entire local government sector. Our strength is multi-sectoral competence and a comprehensive understanding of local government working and its necessary prerequisites.



The Association's core task

We are working together with municipalities to build a sustainable future for municipal residents.

The Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities promotes the vitality of local and regional communities. We protect the interests of municipalities and are their partners in development. We develop inclusive service systems and democratically steered local authority corporations to safeguard the welfare of municipal residents.



The Association's priority areas

- » Our vision 2020: A powerful advocate for all Finnish municipalities, the Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities promotes local self-government and the modernisation of municipal services.
- » To implement its vision, the Association has to make choices.

The Association's strategic choices are:

1. Thriving local and regional communities and welfare of residents
2. Viable local authority corporations
3. The Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities as a networking organisation



We strive to be a forerunner

To achieve its vision for 2020, the Association must prioritise certain objectives.

- » We want to be a forerunner in shaping the future of local self-government, in laying firmer foundations for local authority corporations, and in networking closely with our members and stakeholders.



The Association's political organs

<p>THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY convenes after local elections</p>
<p>THE COUNCIL 76 members and 76 personal deputy members</p>
<p>THE BOARD 15 members and 15 deputy members Council chair and deputy chairs have the right to participate in and speak at meetings; the Board's working committee</p>
<p>The Council of KT Local Government Employers 11 members and 11 deputy members Appointed by the Ministry of Finance at the Association's proposal the Act on KT Local Government Employers</p>
<p>ADVISORY COMMITTEES Their own internal rule: 15 members and 15 personal deputy members Advisory Committee for small municipalities Advisory Committee for Swedish-speaking municipalities</p>

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Services in Swedish

- Kommuntorget.fi - news, analyses, information and discussion in Swedish on Finnish municipalities
- Website www.kommunerna.net
- FIKT – Finlands kommuntidning magazine
- Courses and training in Swedish
- Swedish publications and forms
- Research and development projects
- Swedish-speaking team and service network: advice and consultation by experts responsible for services in Swedish





Brussels Office

A channel for the Association and the local government sector to communicate and lobby within the European Union:

- Gathers information on the EU on behalf of the Association, local authorities and regional councils;
- influences the EU's decision-making processes;
- promotes awareness of the Finnish system of local government and welfare;
- cooperates with Finnish regional offices, the CEMR and the European Local Authority (ELAN) network;
- serves as a base for the Association's experts and for the members of the Finnish delegation of the EU Committee of the Regions in Brussels;
- arranges meetings and seminars;
- number of staff 2.

Annual fair for the municipal sector

The Municipal Fair gathers together executives from the local government sector and public administration, and enterprises and third sector actors providing services for local authorities.

This annual event taking place in September offers visitors a wide variety of information on current subjects and a brilliant chance to network.

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The affiliated companies of the Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities

Key figures for 2015

FCG Finnish Consulting Group Oy

- » Provides services in infrastructure, environmental and urban design, in multidisciplinary training, in developing public services and management consulting
- » Number of staff in Finland and in other countries 675
- » Turnover about €71 million

KL-Kuntahankinnat Oy

- » Centralised public supply and service contracts for municipalities and local government organisations
- » Number of staff 12
- » Turnover about €3.5 million

KL-Kustannus Oy

- » *Kuntalehti* periodical; *Kuntatekniikka* trade magazine for municipal engineering; and *Kunta-tv* online TV channel broadcasting local government affairs
- » Annual fair for the municipal sector
- » Number of staff 9
- » Turnover about €2.8 million



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Key figures for 2015

Kuntaliitto Holding Oy

- » Ownership of subsidiaries
- » Ownership steering
- » Number of staff 1
- » Turnover about €0.1 million

Kuntaliitto Palvelut Oy

- » Internal service company
- » Number of staff 29
- » Turnover about €7.7 million

Kuntatalo Oy

- » Property ownership and management
- » Turnover about €2.7 million





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