

Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities

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www.kuntaliitto.fi

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The Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities represents Finnish municipalities, towns and cities. We also cooperate with the regional councils, hospital districts and special care districts, and with educational and other organisations that are under local government control.

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 lies in multidisciplinary competence and a broad understanding of all aspects of local government work.

The Association's strategy for 2017–2021





MISSION:

**WE ARE WORKING TOGETHER WITH MUNICIPALITIES AND
COUNTIES TO BUILD A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE**

- Building a sustainable future means that one of our key tasks is to look for socially, economically and ecologically sustainable solutions catering to the varied needs of different municipalities and counties.
- Our definition of sustainability also embraces social justice, gender equality and non-discrimination spanning across generations.
- 'Together with municipalities and counties' means that we form strong partnerships and networks with them.

VISION: A SUCCESSFUL FINLAND MEANS LOCAL ACTION

- By 'local action' we mean that the best sustainable solutions to promote welfare and vitality emerge according to the principle of subsidiarity from bottom up action in local communities, municipalities, towns and cities, urban regions and counties — based on their own circumstances.
- Municipalities and counties must be have sufficient financial resources and operating frameworks, and a freedom to deliver their functions. In our vision for a successful Finland, the State's macro-level steering allows for consideration, development and innovation based on local circumstances.
- Giving local residents opportunities for participation and influencing decisions that affect them is the cornerstone of Finland's success. Each one of us has the keys for Finland's future success: local acts, both great and small, matter.
- A successful Finland is a locally global, networked and smart technology-based welfare society that constantly renews itself. Smart technology and information networks improve the synergies between the local and the global.



PRIORITIES:
Staying one step ahead
Cooperation across borders
Culture of renewal

AFFECTING CHANGE



STAYING ONE STEP AHEAD

Our members benefit most from a proactive representation of their interests, development work and services. We support municipalities and counties in anticipating and managing change.

COOPERATION ACROSS BORDERS

We ensure that municipalities and counties work together seamlessly for the good of local residents and communities. We promote regional and national cooperation.

CULTURE OF RENEWAL

The challenges of the years ahead require strong change management from municipalities and counties. We promote a culture of renewal and experimentation that will help to provide financial and operational benefits.

AFFECTING FUTURE



STAYING ONE STEP AHEAD

Our members benefit most from a proactive representation of their interests, development work and services. We will enhance our capacity for anticipation in all aspects of our work.

COOPERATION ACROSS BORDERS

At the Association, we strengthen cooperation across different fields of responsibility. Our work is based on partnerships and networks with municipalities and counties.

CULTURE OF RENEWAL

A courage to reform lays the foundation for ongoing improvement of service delivery, development and methods of influence. That is why we at the Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities promote a culture of continuous renewal and experimentation.

The Association's political organs

ELECTORAL DISTRICT'S GENERAL ASSEMBLY

convenes after local elections

THE DELEGATION

76 members and 76 personal deputy members

THE BOARD

15 members and 15 deputy members

Delegation chair and deputy chairs have the right to participate in
and speak at Board meetings;
the Board's steering committee

Delegation 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

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Their own internal rule: 15 members and 15 personal deputy members

Advisory Committee for small municipalities

Advisory Committee for Swedish-speaking municipalities

Senior management

Jari Koskinen, Director General

Timo Reina, Deputy Managing Director

Hanna Tainio, Deputy Managing Director



Heads of units

- **Regions and Urban Development**
Jarkko Huovinen, Director
- **Administrative Services**
Timo Leivo, Director of Finance and Administration
- **Human Resources**
Hannele Lindfors, HR Manager
- **KT Local Government Employers**
Markku Jalonen, Director General
- **Local Government Development and Research**
Jenni Airaksinen, Director of Research and Development
- **Municipal Finance**
Ilari Soosalu, Director



Heads of units

- **Legal Affairs**
Arto Sulonen, Legal Director
- **Education and Culture**
Terhi Päivärinta, Director
- **International and Swedish-language Affairs**
Kristina Wikberg, Director
- **Social Welfare and Health Care**
Tarja Myllärinen, Director
- **Information Society**
Tommi Karttaavi, Director
- **Communications**
Esa Nieminen, Director, Communications and Public Affairs



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	Education and Culture Terhi Päivärinta	
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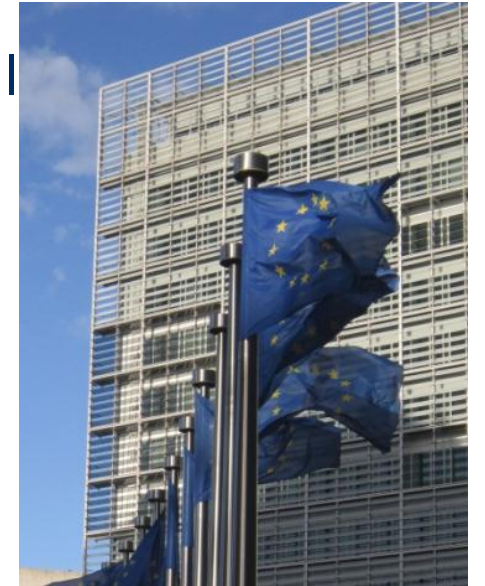
Services in Swedish

- [Kommuntorget.fi](http://kommuntorget.fi) — news, analyses, facts and discussion in Swedish on Finnish municipalities, digitally and on paper
- www.kommunforbundet.fi
- [Kurstorget.fi](http://kurstorget.fi) — 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 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 and regional government and welfare
- Cooperates with Finnish regional offices in Brussels, the CEMR and the European Local Authority Network (ELAN)
- Serves as a base for the Association's experts and the Finnish delegation of the EU Committee of the Regions in Brussels
- Arranges meetings and seminars
- Staff: Director, EU Affairs Adviser, and a trainee





The Association's English language websites

- **Localfinland.fi**

- » A website presenting information about the Finnish local government sector.

- **Internationalforum.fi**

- » A website compiling news and up-to-date information on international and European issues relevant to local authorities. It offers content in three languages: English, Finnish and Swedish.
- » Presents the range of international activities that local authorities and the entire local government sector engage in, featuring information on: international cooperation, organisations representing local authorities in the international field, decision-making influencing local authorities, and lobbying.



The Municipal Fair House of Municipalities

Annual fair for the municipal sector

The Municipal Fair gathers together public sector decision-makers, the enterprises providing services for municipalities and counties, and third sector actors.

This annual event taking place in September offers visitors a great opportunity to participate in current debate and network with professionals.

www.kuntamarkkinat.fi



Meeting and seminar venue

- The House of Municipalities (Finnish 'Kuntatalo') is a perfect venue for meetings and events with an easy access to and from Helsinki city centre.
- The versatile spaces are well-suited for meetings and seminars as well as for other events and celebrations.
- High-quality multi-camera production for video streaming and recording of seminars.
- www.kuntatalo.fi
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KUNTATALO
KOKOUSKESKUS



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

Affiliated companies of the Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities

Key figures for 2016

FCG Finnish Consulting Group Oy

- Provides services in infrastructure, environmental and urban design, multidisciplinary training, public services development and management consulting
- Number of staff in Finland and abroad 670
- Turnover about €79 million

KL-Kustannus Oy

- *Kuntalehti* periodical; *Kuntatekniikka* trade magazine for municipal engineering; and *Kunta.tv* online TV channel broadcasting local government affairs
- The Municipal Fair
- Number of staff 11
- Turnover about €2.5 million

Affiliated companies of the Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities

Key figures for 2016

KL-Kuntahankinnat Oy

- Centralised procurement of goods and services for municipalities and local government organisations
- Number of staff 14
- Turnover about €3.8 million

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 30
- Turnover about €6.2 million

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