

Green public (cross-) administration – examples from Finland

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Sustainable circular economy and bioeconomy



Urban areas as sustainability forerunners



Well-being from nature-based solutions, preventing BD loss

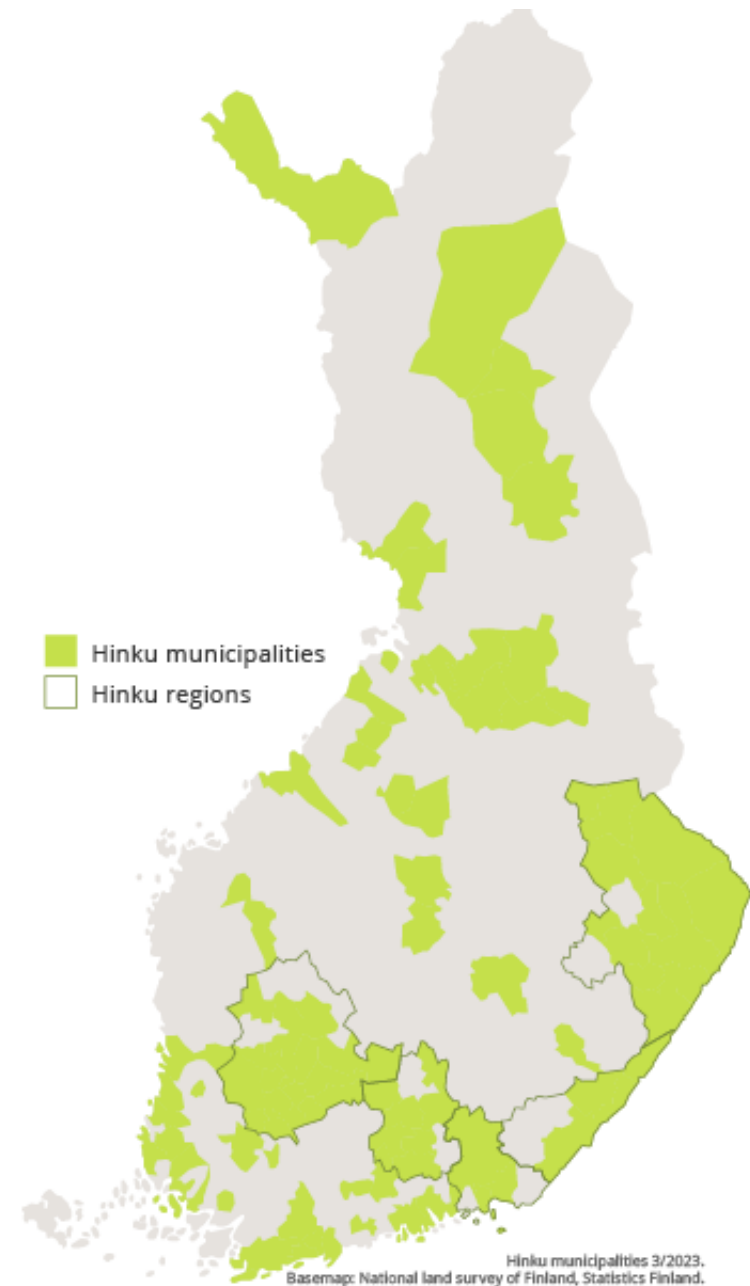


Good state of seas and inland waters, sustainable use of water resources

Syke coordinates municipality networks

- The Towards Carbon Neutral Municipalities (Hinku) network brings together municipalities, businesses, citizens and experts to create and carry out solutions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- The municipalities involved are committed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions more extensively and rapidly than EU targets require
- 96 municipalities, 5 regions

<https://hiilineutraalisuomi.fi/en-US/Hinku>



Map of Hinku network. © SYKE

Circular economy audits – City of Riihimäki

- Circular economy audit of the entire municipal group, aims:
 - 1) to expand the local circular economy vision
 - 2) to gather information on the circular economy work carried out by different units
 - 3) to come up with new measures together.
- Workshops with cross-administrative interaction, with the management team and all areas of the city

<https://www.materiaalitkiertoon.fi/en->

[US/Current/New ideas from circular economy audits f\(57644\)](https://www.materiaalitkiertoon.fi/en-US/Current/New%20ideas%20from%20circular%20economy%20audits%20f(57644))



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Catalysing circular economy in regions and municipalities

- LIFE IP project CIRCWASTE 2016-2023
- Catalysing regional action in five regions: demonstrations, cooperation groups, roadmaps for implementing the national waste management plan
- Expert network on circular economy supporting the regional cooperation groups and forerunner municipalities

<https://www.materiaalitkiertoon.fi/en-US/Circwaste>



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Analysis of transformative intent of national resilience policy in Finland

Sustainable Growth Programme, part of implementation of the European Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF)

- transformative intent visible in the investments and reforms of the green transition pillar but not in other pillars
- Lack of an overall coherent vision of the transformation
- Plural technology pathways, less focus on the social aspects of transformation
- Comparing such programmes in Finland, Sweden and Austria, OECD report forthcoming
- Recommendations for cross-sectoral and horizontal policy programmes

Kivimaa, P. et al. 2023: Analysis of COVID-19 recovery and resilience policy in Finland: a transformative policy mix approach <https://doi.org/10.1093/scipol/scad016>



<https://vm.fi/en/sustainable-growth-programme-for-finland>

Developing collaboration capacities: training for public managers

- Complex environmental and societal problems → need for collaborative capacity in multiple layers
- Collaborative Public Manager training: skills and tools for 26 environmental managers, land use planners, government officials at Ministries*
- Towards a more collaborative Finland: CPM network, strategic investments on collaborative capacity at organizational and national level

* As part of a project funded by Strategic Research Council at the Research Council of Finland (CORE, collaboration.fi)

More about the training in Finnish: <https://www.collaboration.fi/2019/01/15/collaborative-public-manager-koulutus-antaa-viranhaltijoille-uusia-valineita-yhteistoimintaan/>

Recommendations by CORE in Finnish: <https://helda.helsinki.fi/handle/10138/343746>



Local administration activities in the Sustainable City Programme*

- Pilots and other projects e.g. on integrating sustainable urban development indicators in municipalities' processes, involvement of young people and immigrants, assessment of cross-impacts, handbook on cross-sectoral management**
- Kuhmo town: a sustainable development agreement model with local NGOs, companies, educational institutes etc. + continuous dialogue and workshop practice***



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* [By the Ministry of the Environment, https://kestavakaupunki.fi/en/solutions](https://kestavakaupunki.fi/en/solutions)

** <https://kestavakaupunki.fi/en/-/agenda2030-handbook>

***<https://kestavakaupunki.fi/en/-/full-life-in-kuhmo-sustainable-development-through-everyday-actions>

Discussion

- Should the recommendations specify multi-level governance by addressing roles of different governance levels? On which levels of government effort should be put to make a just and fair sustainability transformation happen?
- The OECD report (de Mello & Ter-Minassian, in the meeting material) raises the role or **regional** and medium-to-large **local** governments in decarbonization
- Draft report: **The Council of Europe** and **member States** can take a leading role in the necessary paradigm shift

