



Suomalaiset!
Finländare!
Suopmelaččat!
The people of Finland!

The Parliament of Finland declared itself the supreme authority of Finland on November 15, 1917. Ever since, we have worked hard to develop our country and to improve the living conditions of Finnish citizens. We have made a lot of progress over the past hundred years and we are not about to stop now. It is our duty to develop our country, exceed expectations, solve problems and adapt to the changing world. Everyone can influence the future of Finland and its citizens. Now, we must strain all our strength for achieving the nation's common goal in this point of time, **which has such an importance and decisiveness, that there have never before been in the life of the Finnish people.* *excerpt from Finland's Declaration of Independence 4.12.1917

Finland of Culture

The citizens of Finland are the ones who define Finnishness. Everyone has the right to be Finnish and the future Finnishness will be something we have created together, something that embraces tradition as well as new ways, and something that welcomes all.

Equal Finland

In Finland, people are treated as individuals, not as representatives of, for example, gender or sexual orientation. Everyone has an equal opportunity to follow their dreams and participate in building the future together. Nobody needs to be scared or feel lonely.

Linguistically diverse Finland

Our national languages Finnish and Swedish, not forgetting our minority languages, are beautiful and need to be preserved. On the other hand, we will have better success in the future if we are open to the outside world. We must also value other languages and promote foreign language acquisition in our country and elsewhere. We cannot achieve our goals and create the future Finland if we cannot understand others and they cannot understand us.

Nordic Finland

Friends are essential in our changing world. The Nordic countries are our closest partners—geographically, culturally and ideologically. We have created so much together, so let's create new, wonderful things in the future as well, together.

Finland and the World

A peaceful and prosperous world is a prerequisite for a peaceful and prosperous Finland. Finland needs to be open to the world in order to succeed. Our country is well-functioning and has a solid foundation, and it is therefore our obligation to help those who are not doing as well. It is Finland's responsibility to promote equality, democracy and well-being to the rest of the world.

Research-oriented Finland

Education is the key to success, growth and interaction, both in Finland and globally. Our educational system is one of the best in the world and Finnish research is of high quality. However, we cannot be complacent with the current situation; we have to develop our education and research to meet the future needs as well.

Sustainable Finland

The world does not belong exclusively to us. Everyone has the right to a clean and healthy environment, including the future generations. Finland does not exist without the earth, so it is our obligation to take care of our planet as well.

This is the kind of Finland we can create if we do it together.

A good nation is made of good citizens. – Maria Jotuni