



## **JWGHS MEETING 23.3.2017 IN OULU**

### **PRESENTATION: "Health, Social Services and Regional Government Reform in Finland".**

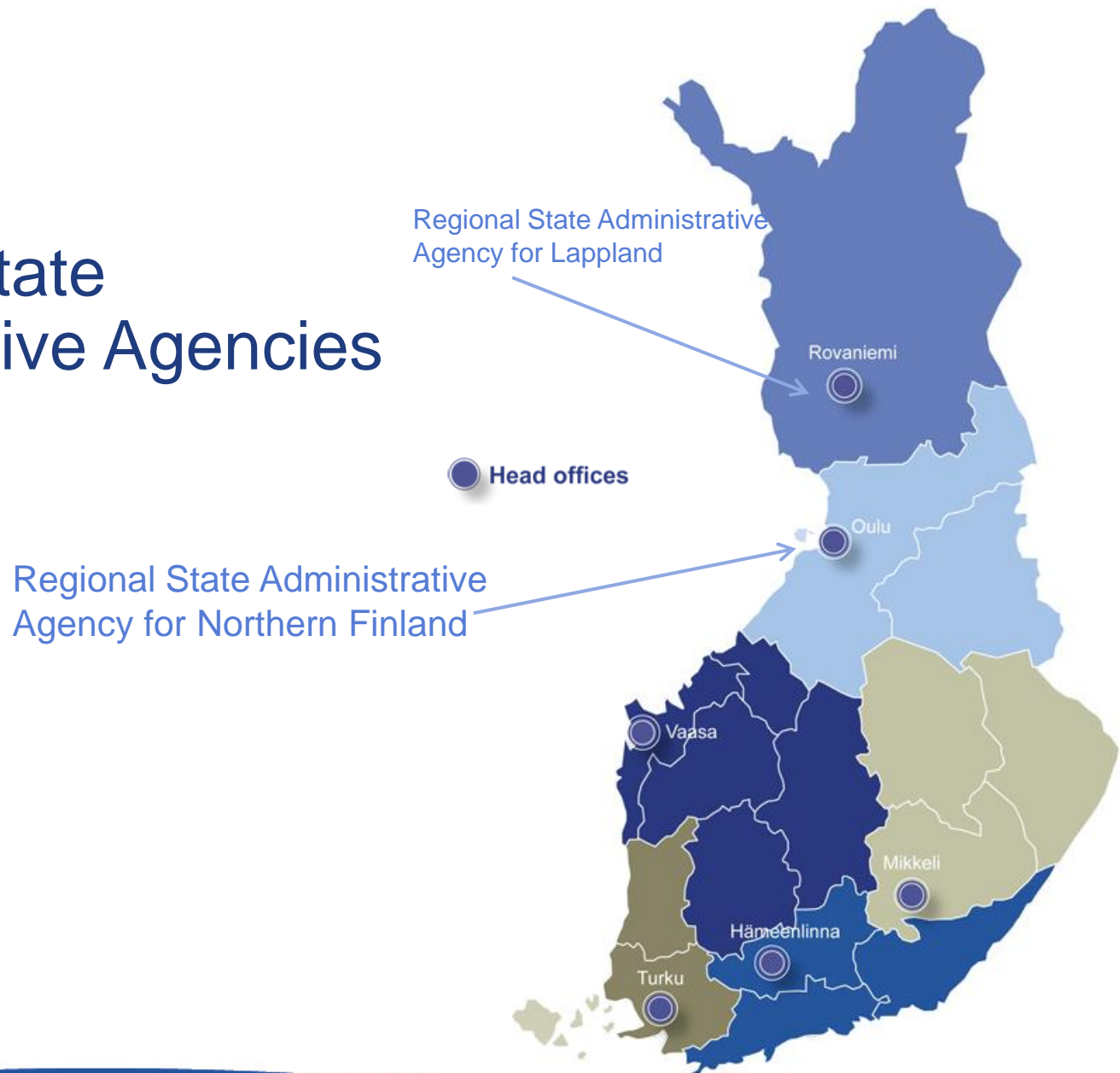
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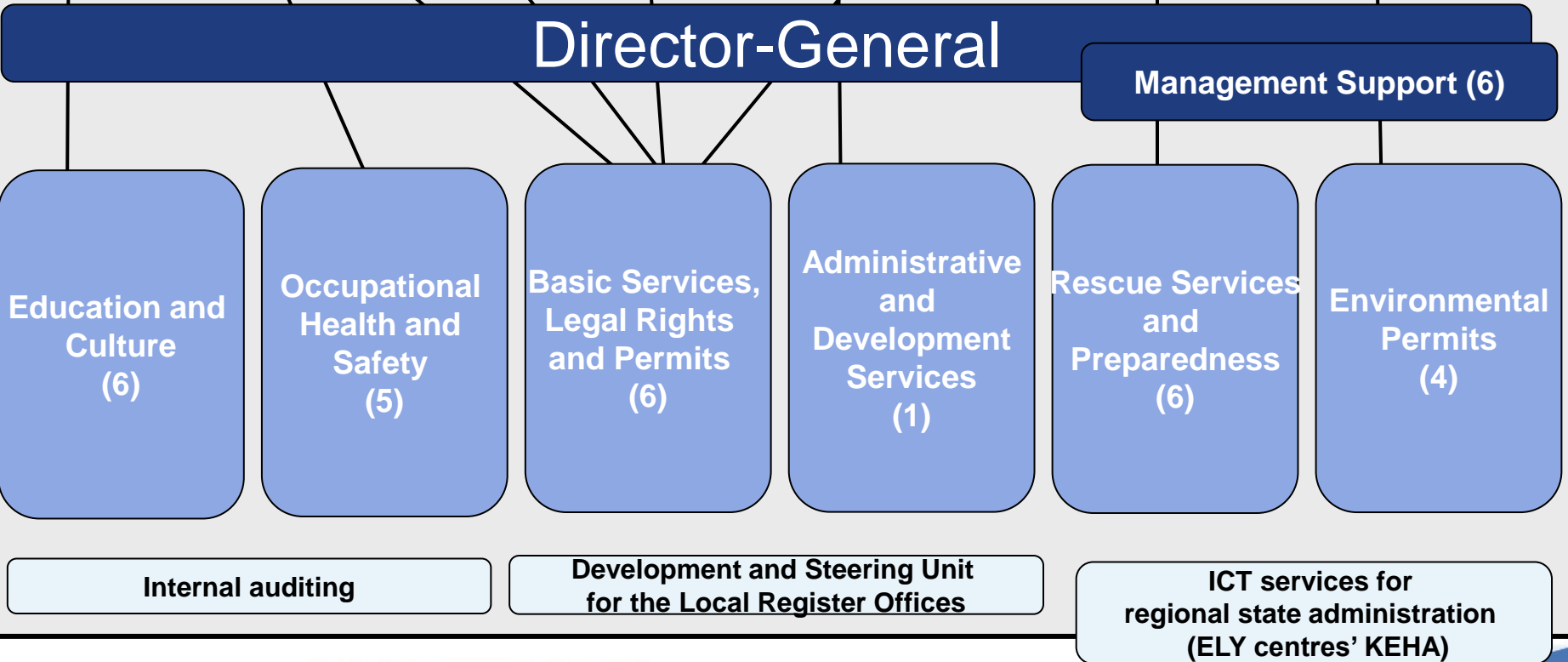
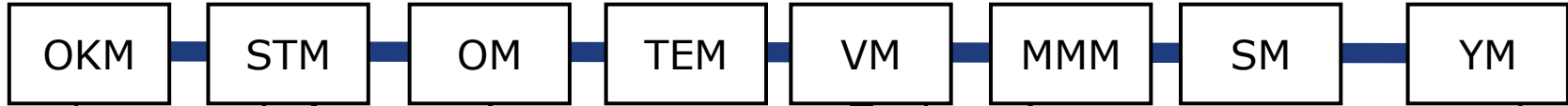
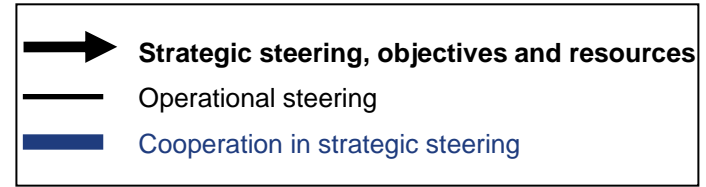
# Regional State Administrative Agencies

Head offices





From 1.3.2015





## Tasks of the Division of Basic Public Services, Legal Rights and Permits 2016

Handling complaints

Steering and supervision of the

Licences for private social and health care providers

Supervision of private social and health care providers

Licences for alcoholic beverages legislation

Supervision of alcoholic beverages legislation

Preventing damage caused by alcohol use

Steering and supervision of veterinary services and animal protection

Steering and supervision of food safety

Supervision of competition and securing the positions of consumers

Promoting the legal protection of pupils



# Reform of regional government from 1.1.2019

- ❑ The purpose of this regional government reform is to harmonise the State regional administration with county government administration and to rationalise the organisation of public-sector administration at State, regional and municipal levels
- ❑ As the primary solution, the Government Programme envisages the centralisation of functions into clear, autonomous regions – counties – in terms of tasks and authority.



## 18 COUNTIES

- Counties are public-law bodies that enjoy regional autonomy.
- The counties will have county councils to be elected by direct popular vote.
- The counties will serve as public authorities with a wide range of duties to be defined in the County Act.
- Over 215,000 employees will transfer to counties from municipalities, and joint municipal and state authorities following the principles applied in connection with transfers of business.



# The counties

will be responsible for

- healthcare and social welfare
- rescues services
- environmental healthcare
- regional development duties and tasks related to the promotion of business enterprise
- planning and steering of use of regions
- promoting the identity and culture of the counties as well as other statutory regional services assigned to the counties.



## The municipalities

will continue to exist as communities of local involvement, democracy, culture and vitality and manage the duties related to municipal self-government as decided by the residents (general mandate) and local duties defined by law.

responsible for managing and promoting employment  
promoting

- engagement and culture
- promoting health and wellbeing
- services related to sports, culture and other leisure activities
- youth services
- local industrial policy, land use, construction and urban planning





# From Regional State Administration to Central Government

- The current six Regional State Administrative Agencies will be shaped into a single authority with nationwide responsibilities, operating in regional branches and units
- Overlap with the remit of the Regional State Administrative Agency and central state agencies will be eliminated.
- Personnel will not be placed into one unit only.



# The changes in the tasks from AVI to the new 18 autonomous regions (counties) 1.1.2019



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