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# CURRENT AND FUTURE ACTIVITIES CONCERNING HEALTH AND SOCIAL ISSUES

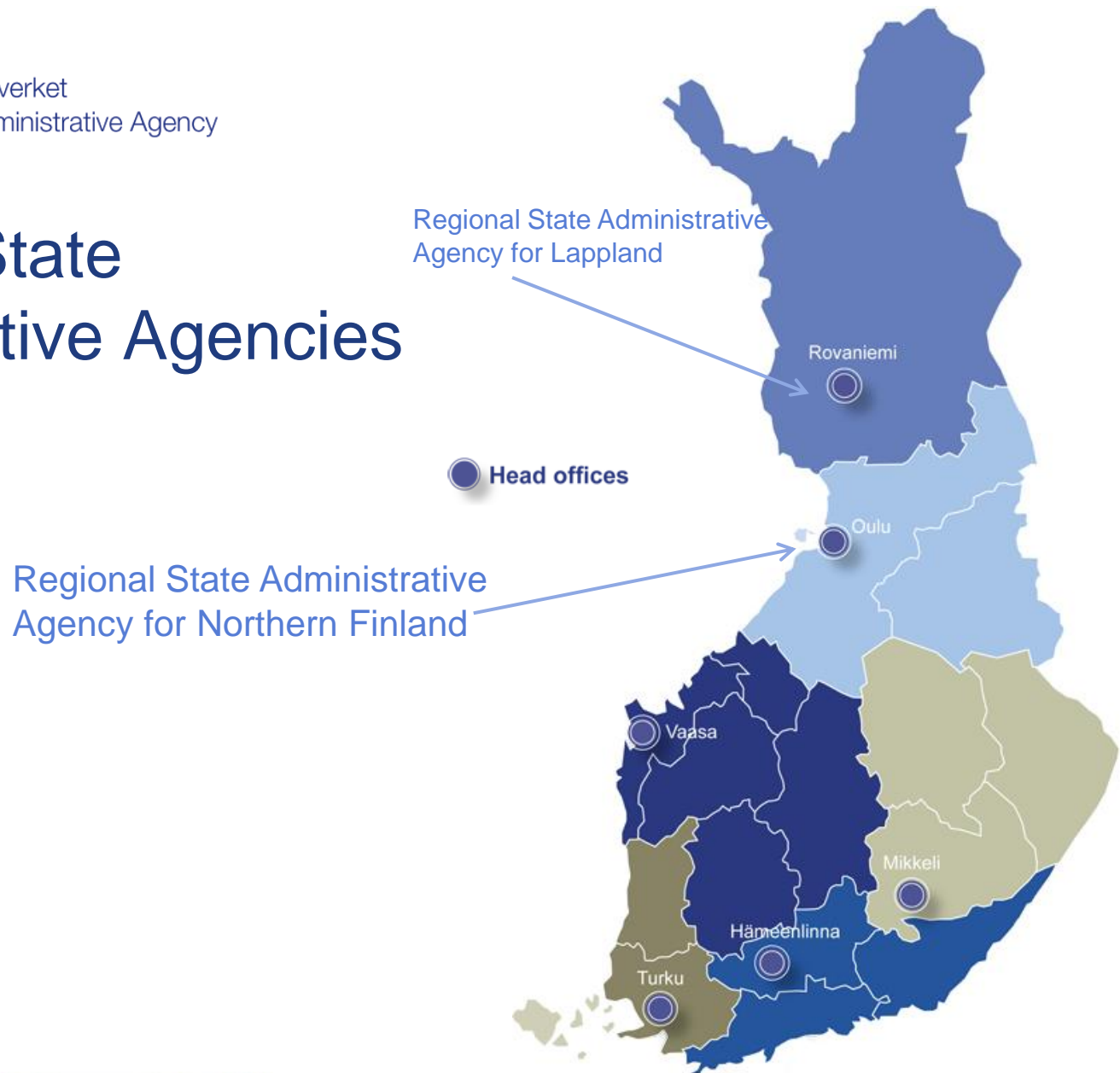
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# Regional State Administrative Agencies

Head offices



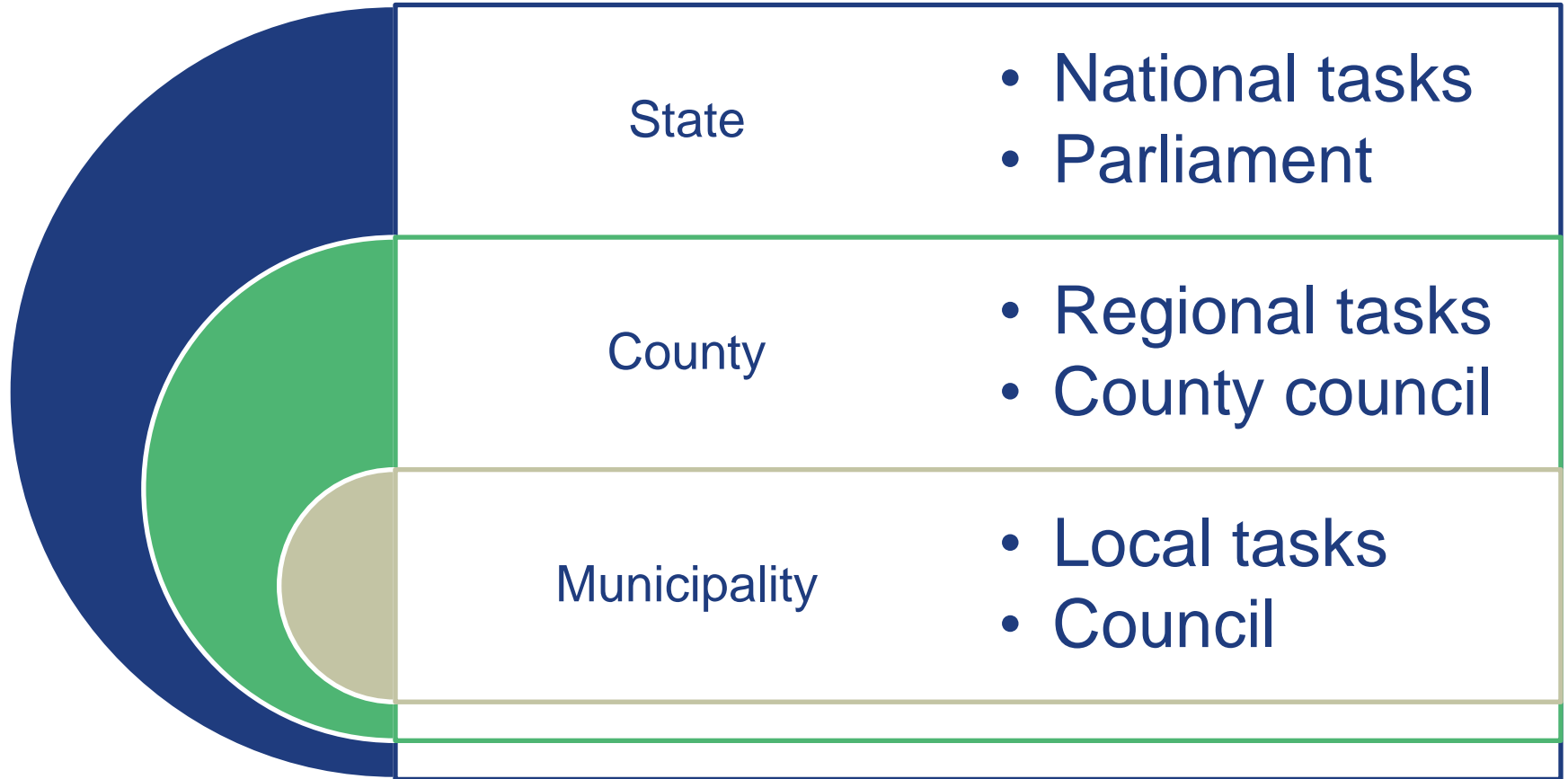


# Facts about Northern Finland

<b>Population</b>	<b>480 000</b>
<b>Municipalities</b>	<b>43 ( 10 towns)</b>
<b>Regions</b>	<b>Northern Ostrobothnia and Kainuu</b>
<b>Area</b>	<b>61 000 km<sup>2</sup> km<sup>2</sup> (12 % of total in Finland)</b>
<b>Water area</b>	<b>4 000 km<sup>2</sup> (25 % of the total area)</b>
<b>Border line with Russia</b>	<b>400 km</b>
<b>Industrial structure</b>	
<b>Agriculture and Forestry</b>	<b>6 %</b>
<b>Processing</b>	<b>25 %</b>
<b>Services</b>	<b>69 %</b>
<b>Age structure</b>	
<b>Under 15 – year</b>	<b>20 %</b>
<b>15 - 64     years</b>	<b>64 %</b>
<b>Over 65 – year</b>	<b>16 %</b>



# Three administrative tiers





## STATE:

# Changes in Regional State Administrative Agencies (AVI) 1.1.2019

- One Regional State Administrative Agency which has regional or local units
- No more "One upon the other work" in the State –level, like between national board Valvira and Avi
- The personnel will work all around in Finland



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

- Handling complaints
- Steering and supervision of the Health Care and Social Welfare
- 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



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

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## PRISONERS' HEALTH CARE IN FINLAND

All prisoners' have by law the right to receive the same level of preventive and medical care as the overall population. Prisoners' health care aims to promote prisoners' health and integration into society as well as prevent recidivism and marginalisation. Prisoners' health status differs considerably from that of the overall population, mental health problems and various kinds of addictions causing most of the health problems among prisoners'.

The Prisoners' Health Care Unit (VTH) is a government agency operating under THL. The unit organises preventive and medical care for prisoners and carries out forensic psychiatric assessments on prisoners.





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## HEALTH CARE IN DEFENCE FORCES FINLAND

Defence Forces organize by themselves the health care (occupational health) of their personnel and of the conscripts.

Every man must attend a call-up the year he turns 18. Where and when a conscript will serve is determined during the call-up. If a conscript is not fit for service, he is exempt from peacetime military service. A conscript may serve later if he has a good reason to postpone his service. Women can apply for voluntary military service by sending an application to one of the Defence Forces' regional offices. The application and any attachments must be sent to a regional office by 1 March.



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## SUPERVISION OF THE HEALTH CARE UNITS IN PRISONS AND DEFENCE FORCES IN THE REGIONAL STATE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES

- New legislation 1.1.2016 for both sectors
- Goal is to strengthen the status of the health care in prisons and in the defence forces as a part of the health care system in Finland
- Goal is also to unify the supervision and the guidance of these health care sectors according to the basic rights and equality of whole population in Finland
- The main tasks are:
  - visits to the units to supervise and evaluate them
  - visits to inspect
  - handling complaints



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## SUPERVISION OF THE HEALTH CARE UNITS IN PRISONS AND IN THE DEFENCE FORCES IN THE REGIONAL STATE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCIES

- Two Senior Officers for Health Care, location in Oulu (for whole Finland) in Regional State Administrative Agency (PSAVI).+ Senior Medical Officer for Regional Administration and one Legal Counsel (both are working for part time)
- 29 units for prisoners' health care (26 centres and 3 hospitals).
- 18 health care units in Defence forces
- PSAVI has a common plan and co-operation with Valvira (The Finnish National Supervisory Authority for Welfare and Health) who has  $\frac{1}{2}$  +  $\frac{1}{2}$  persons to work in these cases if they are of nationwide importance and matters of principle.



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