

# Social welfare and health care reform in Finland

WHY?

HOW?

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# WHY?

Municipalities

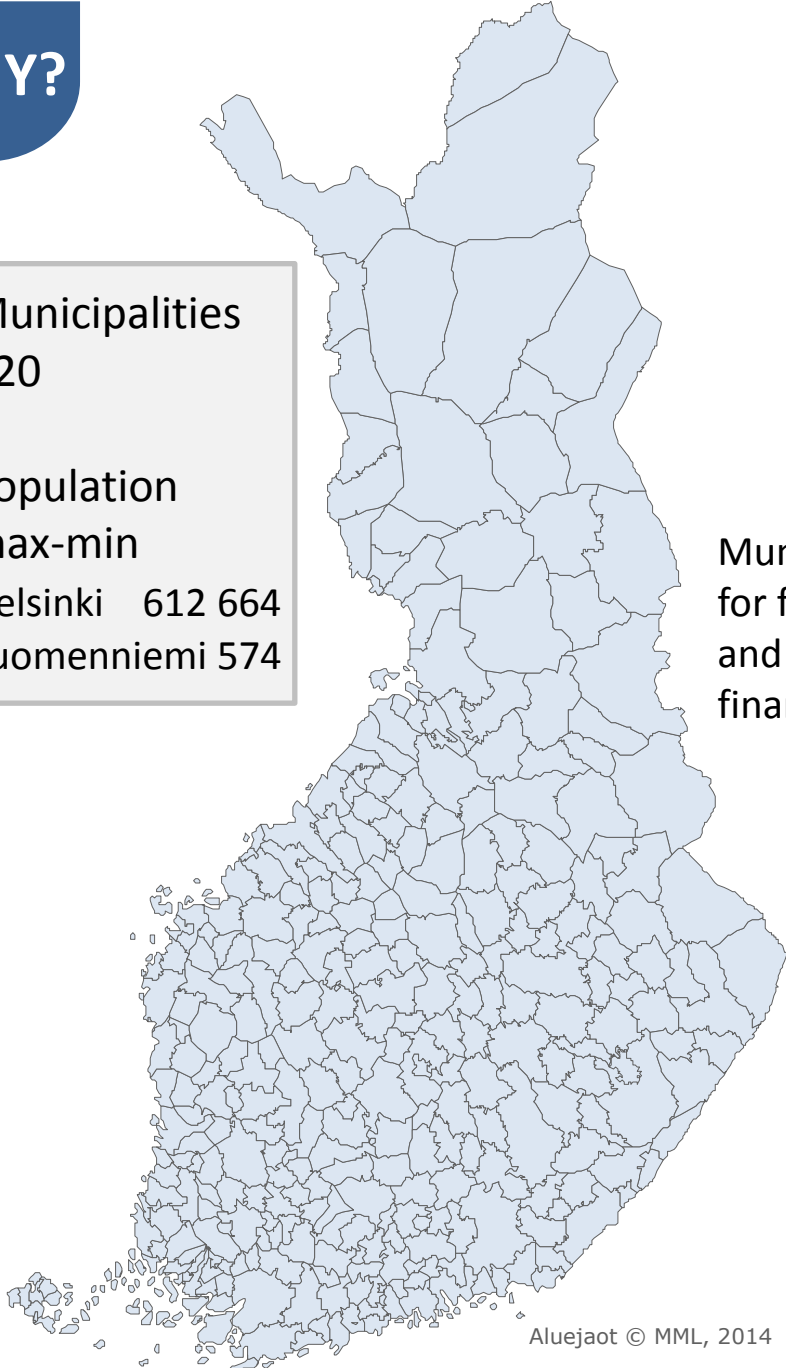
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Population

max-min

Helsinki 612 664

Suomenniemi 574

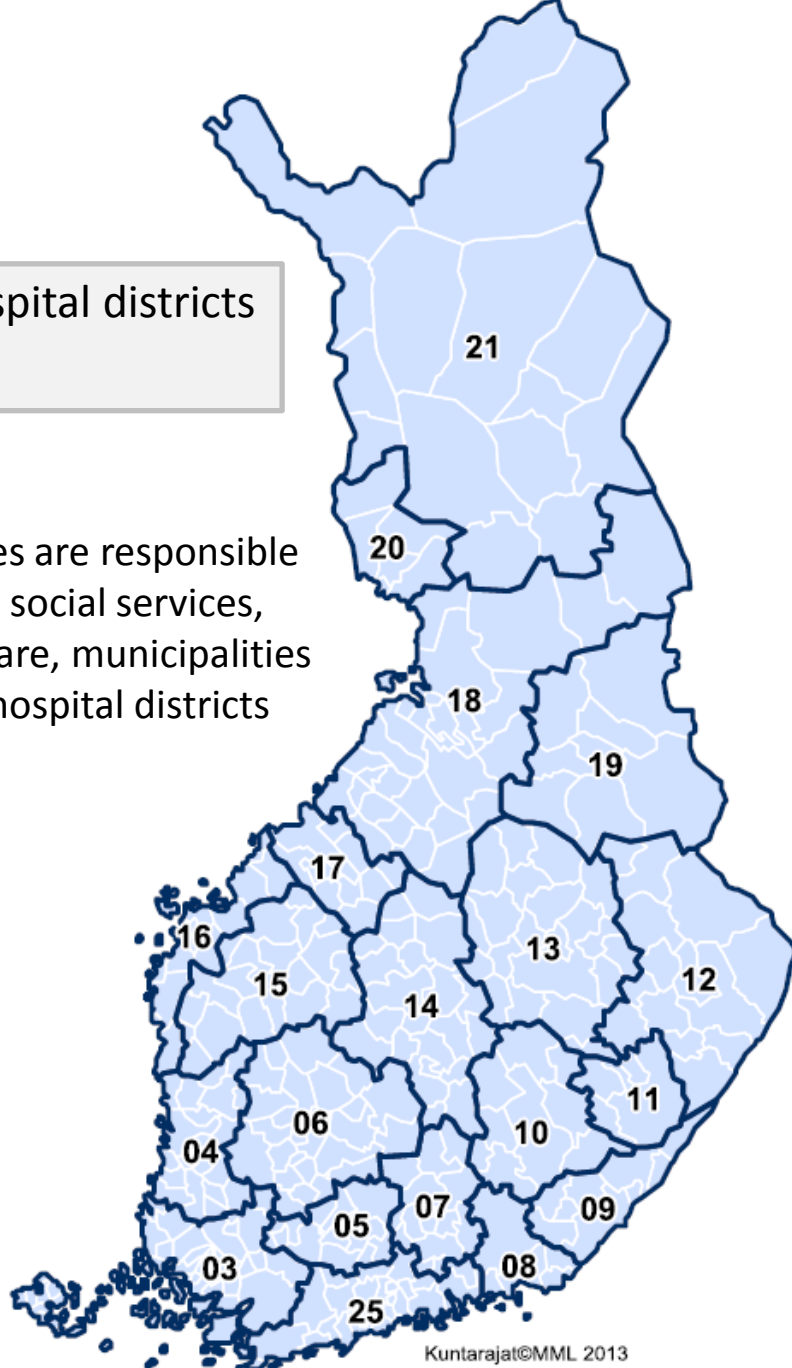


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Hospital districts

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Municipalities are responsible for financing social services, and health care, municipalities finance the hospital districts



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# Key objectives of the social welfare and health care reform

- Promotion of the health, well-being and social safety of the population
- Guaranteeing equal provision of social welfare and health care services in all parts of the country
- Strengthening primary level social and health care services
- Delivering a cost-effective, high-impact service structure

## HOW?

Widest possible integration

- social welfare and health care service package (both primary and specialized services) under the same administration and budget
- people's needs for services addressed as a whole

Administration and structures must ensure well-functioning social welfare and health care

- broad integration of services
- clear and effective administration



## RESPONSIBILITIES:

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- Responsibility for **arranging** the services will rest with five social welfare and health care regions

REGIONAL

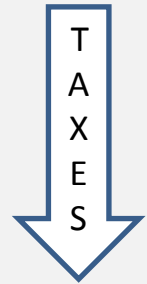
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- Responsibility for **producing** services will rest with a joint municipal authority

LOCAL

# HOW?

## FUNDING



municipality



region

## **FUNDING**

- The operation of the regions will be funded by the municipalities
  - capitation model (population)
  - consideration for factors affecting the needs: population age and morbidity
- Service provision will be funded by the regions
  - principles to be negotiated with parties providing services
  - final funding specifications in the decision on service provision
  - needs for services, impact and cost-effectiveness will be taken into account in funding

## REGION

producing services

regional plan



join municipal authority

↑  
NGO

↑  
companies



## IMPLEMENTATION

- Act to enter into force in 2015
- Formation of social welfare and health care regions
- Decisions on joint municipal authorities responsible for service provision
- Social welfare and health care regions to start operating on 1 January 2017

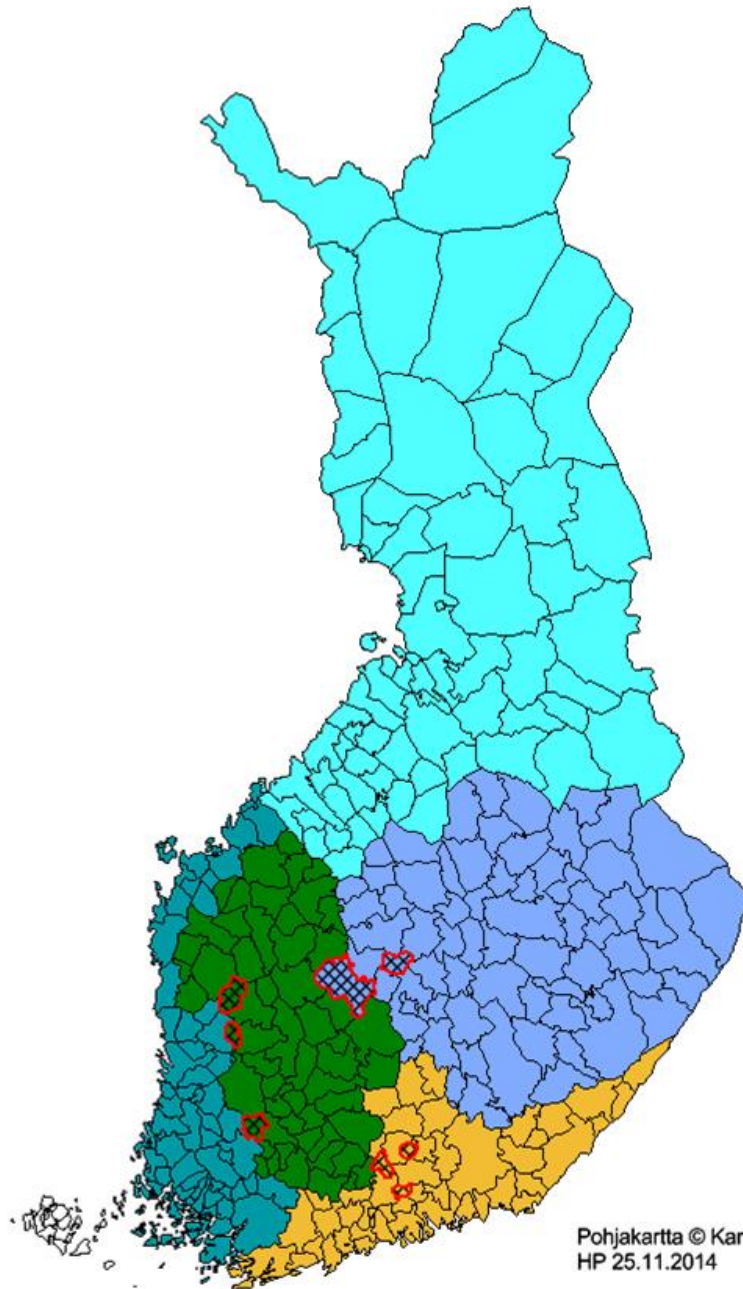
## NEXT STEPS IN THE DRAFTING

- Act to be approved and enter into force in early 2015
- Preparation of implementation 2015 - 2016
- The regions and joint authorities responsible for service provision to start operating as from 1 January 2017





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Thank you!

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