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# ELY Centres open new possibilities



Established on 1 January 2010, the Centres for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment (ELY Centres) form part of the government's reform project for regional administration. The tasks and services of the former Employment and Economic Centres, Regional Environmental Centres, Road Districts, and State Provincial Offices' departments for transport and communications and for education and culture have been pooled in the Centres for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment. Together the 15 new centres employ approximately 4,300 people.

## Top priority given to the customer as regions undergo development

The reformed regional state administration works efficiently and successfully in the best interest of customers and regions. Close co-operation will be achieved among actors, since the duties previously managed by a wide array of authorities are now handled under a single roof.

Through their broad-based competence, the ELY Centres create the preconditions for advancing trade and industry, well-functioning and safe traffic, a good living environment and sustainable development. To attain their objectives, the centres work in close co-operation with Regional Councils and other organisations engaged in development activities.

## Tasks of the Centres for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment

- Advisory, financing, and development services for enterprises; employment-based aid and labour market training; handling of agricultural and fishery issues; addressing of immigration matters; and EU structural fund projects.
- Environmental protection, steering of the use of land and construction, nature protection, monitoring of the state of the environment, and usage and management of water resources.
- Road maintenance, road projects, handling of transport permit issues, traffic safety, and public transport and island traffic.
- Vocational education, library services, sports and physical training services, the education system, and youth services.
- Steering and supervision of the activities of Employment and Economic Development offices and safeguarding of the public interest in relation to environmental and water issues.

## Co-operation among centres

While the various ELY Centres differ slightly from one another in their tasks, they also partly specialise in certain duties. However, since the centres handle many duties on each other's behalf, their functions are managed on an equal basis in each region.

ELY Centres have three areas of responsibility:

- Business and industry, the labour force, competence, and cultural activities
- Transport and infrastructure
- The environment and natural resources



*The Centres for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment promote the development of a good living environment and community structure while supporting citizens' well-being and the competitiveness of trade and industry in their respective regions.*

# Regional division and offices

## Regional division

15 regions of operation

Lapland  
 Kainuu  
 North Karelia  
 Ostrobothnia and Central Ostrobothnia  
 South Ostrobothnia  
 Central Finland  
 North Savo  
 North Karelia  
 South Savo  
 Pirkanmaa  
 Satakunta  
 Southwest Finland  
 South Karelia and Kymenlaakso  
 Kanta-Häme and Päijät-Häme  
 Uusimaa and East Uusimaa

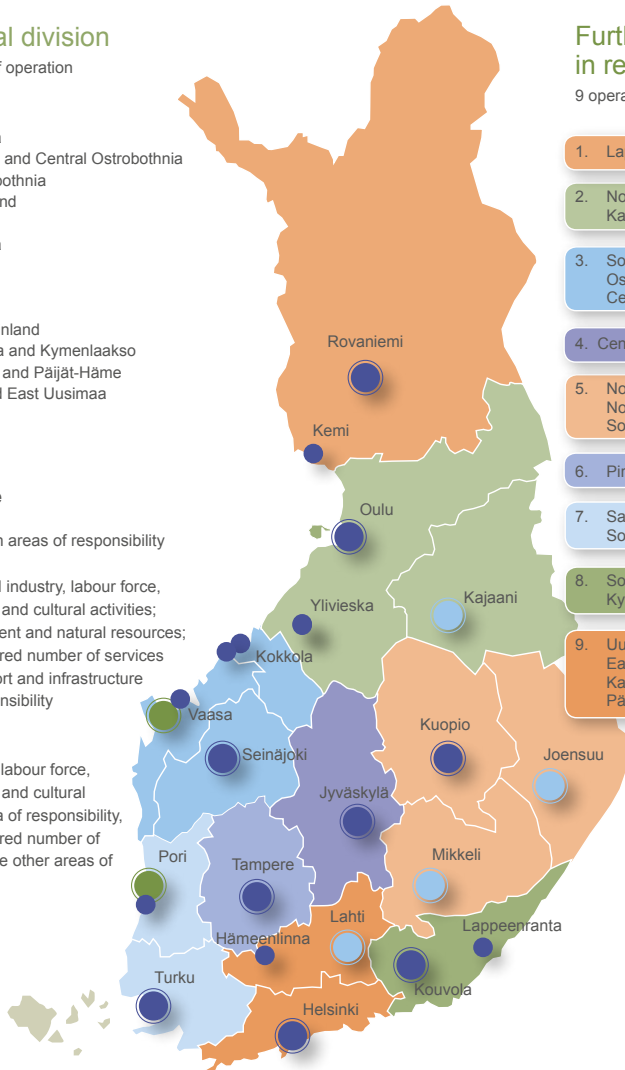
## Further division in regions

9 operational regions

1. Lapland
2. North Ostrobothnia  
Kainuu
3. South Ostrobothnia  
Ostrobothnia  
Central Ostrobothnia
4. Central Finland
5. North Savo  
North Karelia  
South Savo
6. Pirkanmaa
7. Satakunta  
Southwest Finland
8. South Karelia  
Kymenlaakso
9. Uusimaa  
East Uusimaa  
Kanta-Häme  
Päijät-Häme

## Main office

-  All three main areas of responsibility
-  Business and industry, labour force, competence, and cultural activities; the environment and natural resources; and the required number of services in the transport and infrastructure area of responsibility
-  Business and industry, labour force, competence, and cultural activities area of responsibility, and the required number of services in the other areas of responsibility
-  Office



**ELY Centres with three areas of responsibility:** Lapland, North Ostrobothnia, South Ostrobothnia, Central Finland, Pirkanmaa, Southwest Finland, Uusimaa, North Savo, and Southeast Finland.

**ELY Centres with two areas of responsibility** (business and industry, labour, competence, and cultural activities and also the environment and natural resources): Häme, Kainuu, North Karelia, and South Savo.

**ELY Centres with one area of responsibility** (business and industry, the labour force, competence, and cultural activities): Ostrobothnia and Satakunta.

## Many co-operating parties

The Ministry of Employment and the Economy is responsible for general administrative management of the ELY Centres. In addition to the Ministry of Employment and the Economy, their operations are steered by the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, the Ministry of the Environment, the Ministry of Transport and Communications, and the Ministry of Education and Culture. The centres also implement the objectives of the Finnish Food Safety Authority Evira, the Finnish Transport Agency, the Finnish Immigration Service, the Agency for Rural Affairs (Mavi), and Tekes – the Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation.



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