

# Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council

Country	Canada
Population	4.6 million
World region	North America
Area	4374 km <sup>2</sup>

## ● Context

Helsinki, Finland's capital, is governed by the City Council, elected every four years, overseeing city operations and finances. Helsinki is part of the Helsinki-Uusimaa Region, comprising 26 municipalities and approximately 1.7 million residents, about a third of Finland's population. The Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council, a joint authority funded mainly by member municipalities, coordinates regional development and land-use planning, fostering collaboration in areas such as transportation, infrastructure, and environmental management.

## ● Economic profile

**GDP as % of national GDP:** 40%

**GDP per capita:** 59,346 USD

**World Bank income group:** High income

### Major economic activities

Services, which include trade, healthcare, social services, education, and ICT; processing, encompassing manufacturing, construction, and mining; and primary production, covering agriculture, forestry, and fishing.

### Own source revenues

Contributions from member municipalities in proportion to population size.

## ● Governance structure

**Year of constitution:** 2010

**Metropolitan government:** Metropolitan government

### Legal framework

Operates under Finland's Act on Regional Development and Land Use and Building Act (132/1999), which mandate the Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council to oversee regional development and land use planning.

### Administrative structure

A joint authority of 26 municipalities, governed by an 83-member Regional Assembly indirectly elected by municipalities and a 15-member Regional Executive Board.

### Annual revenue, expenditure and sources

Annual budget of €8.7 million, funded by 83-member municipalities, national government, and EU funds. Major expenses include staff, consultancies, and regional projects.

### Number and type of administrative units

26 municipalities

## KEY STRATEGIC PLANS



### Resilience

Regional Climate Roadmap



### Strategic

Well Ahead Regional Programme 2022-2025



### Innovation

Smart Specialisation Strategy