

# ***The parliamentary election program of the Coalition 2023***

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## PROCEEDINGS POLICY

**Now is the time to roll up your sleeves and get to work.**

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*This is the election program of the Coalition, but in this situation we prefer to call it a work list. Right now, it strongly feels like it's time for more actions than empty phrases. It's time to roll up your sleeves and get down to business.*

*Welcome to the talkies, because Finland is our common cause.*

## **1. Now is the right time to turn the Finnish economy and the standard of living of Finns up**

The coalition wants to turn Finland's economy towards growth and emissions down. We want the standard of living and purchasing power of Finns to rise, and that there is money left over to make dreams come true. The coalition has the formula for growth. We want to improve the functioning of the market economy by lightening regulations and removing barriers to market entry.

**And by these means it is done:**

1. **We will fix the conditions for the growth of the Finnish economy.** We will speed up investments in Finland and improve the competitiveness of the national economy in accordance with the growth formula of the Confederation. We take the cities, municipalities and regions of Finland even more closely as partners in creating growth.

2. **We improve the conditions for Finnish entrepreneurship.** We ensure a stimulating, stable and predictable operating environment and taxation for companies. We make it easier to invest in Finland and ensure smooth permit processes.
3. **We improve export opportunities for Finnish companies.** We will continue deepening the EU's internal market and liberalizing international trade in order to promote Finland's export opportunities. We reduce dependence on dictatorships.
4. **We implement a fair competition program.** We break down barriers to market entry, increase competition between companies, lighten regulation and dismantle unnecessary standards to lower consumer prices. Among other things, we will reform the alcohol policy, rail transport competition, the gambling system and public procurement, and we will lighten pharmacy regulation in the spirit of a responsible market economy.
5. **We strengthen the chances of prosperity for Finns.** We are expanding the area of use of the share savings account, removing its maximum investment limit and introducing a share savings account for newborns. We are improving the conditions for ownership by launching a domestic ownership program.
6. **We will fix the transport connections of the whole of Finland.** Functional connections within Finland and from Finland to the world are a prerequisite for economic growth and security of supply. We reduce road and rail network repair debt and take care of sea and air connections. We enable functional commuter rail transport to new urban areas, develop faster rail connections and promote competition in rail transport.
7. **We grasp the possibilities of digitization and the data economy.** We accelerate growth by promoting data expertise and digitization of SMEs in particular, as well as investments in high-speed connections, research and product development. We take care of the nationwide telecommunication infrastructure. We improve public services through digitization and open public sector data to support the birth of new innovations.
8. **We are renewing Finland's housing policy.** We eliminate homelessness by allocating rental apartments subsidized by society to those who need them the most. We curb housing price trends by increasing the supply of plots and apartments. We are renewing the housing support system and the regulation of land use and construction. We are strengthening the partnership between the state and cities.
9. **We improve the competitiveness of Finnish food production.** We ensure reliability of maintenance and food safety. Safe, healthy and sustainably produced Finnish food must be available. Agriculture must be developed in a competitive, vibrant and entrepreneurial direction. We are improving the conditions for food and food exports.
10. **We ensure the sustainable use of natural resources.** Responsible forestry and the circular economy offer solutions to combat climate change and bring prosperity to the whole of Finland. We secure the national forest policy.

## 2. Now is the right time to stop living in debt

The goal of the coalition is Finland, where the funding of the welfare society is also secured for future generations. We want to balance the public finances without increasing the overall tax rate. We want to strengthen economic growth and create new jobs, increase productivity in the private and public sector, and prioritize and reduce public spending.

**And such an operation it requires:**

1. **We balance the income and expenditure of the public finances.** We are drawing up an economic recovery program spanning two electoral terms, with which Finland's public finances will be balanced and indebtedness will be stopped by 2031.
2. **We calculate Finland's total tax rate.** Taxation is already tight in Finland. Instead of tax increases, we balance the economy with growth and employment measures and by restraining spending.
3. **We prioritize public spending.** When deciding on balancing the economy, all items are looked at, but savings are avoided on education and culture expenses, expenses critical to employment and growth, as well as national defense and security.
4. **If we increase spending, we save elsewhere.** We finance the tax reductions primarily with spending savings and by tightening the least harmful taxes for employment and growth.
5. **We improve the productivity of the public sector.** We promote, for example, voluntary community experiments, make use of digitalization, speed up processes and direct resources from administration to making and services. This saves the staff's working time and stamina.
6. **We will raise the employment rate to 80 percent by 2030.** With the actions of the coalition, 100,000 Finns will find employment during the next election period. We break down barriers to work, reform the labor market and invest in well-being at work.
7. **We make work profitable in all situations.** We are reforming taxation and social security and dismantling incentive traps, so that at least half of the euro earned at work always remains in hand.
8. **We reduce labor taxation fairly in all income categories.** Tax relief, if targeted correctly, increases economic growth and encourages work, through which the state gets back part of the price of the tax sale. We do not reduce taxation to debt. We are shifting the focus of taxation from the taxation of work and entrepreneurship to the taxation of harm, emissions and consumption.
9. **We are renewing Finnish working life and the labor market.** We increase the freedom of agreement in all workplaces. We promote labor peace in society. We will step up earnings-related unemployment insurance and extend it to everyone. We strengthen work ability, well-being at work and equality in working life.
10. **We speed up international recruitment.** Finland's working-age population is decreasing at the same time as the number of elderly people is increasing. The equation challenges the foundation of our well-being. We lighten the bureaucracy of the entire chain of international recruitment. We make sure that you can get to work in Finland smoothly and that work permits are issued quickly.

### **3. It is time to make Finland a superpower of clean, affordable and reliable energy**

The coalition wants Finland to be a clean, affordable and reliable energy superpower, so that Finnish households and companies can have enough electricity even with packs. Energy is needed to keep the lights on, homes warm, and businesses running. At the same time, Finland can attract energy-intensive industry and jobs with clean energy. The importance of clean, affordable and reliable energy as an engine of economic growth and a prerequisite for well-being will only grow.

## **This is how we put the wind in the ground:**

1. **We ensure affordable electricity availability for Finns.** We are reforming the electricity market and the electricity pricing model to make it fairer in order to make the electricity bills of households and companies easier. The most expensive electricity production alone should not determine the price of all electricity. We make sure that there is enough affordable, domestic and clean electricity even with paukkupakas.
2. **We fight climate change.** We implement emission reductions in a cost-effective, market-based and technology-neutral manner - without compromising the standard of living. The significant carbon footprint of Finnish companies ensures that climate change is combated effectively.
3. **We harness the market economy to combat climate change.** We promote the introduction of new technologies and the birth of domestic innovations. We tax climate emissions equally, regardless of the emission source. A smart tax policy that prevents carbon leakage is a way to implement climate goals on market terms.
4. **We defend the diversity of nature.** We protect the Baltic Sea, the vulnerable Archipelago Sea and Finland's waterways, forests and marshes. We are strengthening the forest diversity action program (METSO) and the Helmi habitat program. We reduce the nutrient load that causes eutrophication in the Baltic Sea.
5. **We invest in clean energy .** We promote the use of wind and solar power. Disconnecting from Russian fossil energy imports promotes both security of supply and climate goals. We are making clean blue and white exports a central goal of climate policy.
6. **We are building more nuclear power.** We are committed to giving a positive decision in principle to all nuclear power projects that meet the safety conditions. We break down the obstacles to the construction of small nuclear power plants. We ensure incentives to invest in reliable electricity production and maintain it.
7. **We strengthen Finland's energy self-sufficiency.** Stronger self-sufficiency not only strengthens Finland's security of supply and security, but also the competitiveness of domestic industry.
8. **We streamline planning and permit processes for energy investments.** We arrange a permit guarantee for energy projects critical to Finland's security of supply and safety. Let's place the projects in the highest priority category in the zoning, permit and appeal processes.
9. **We promote the spread of electricity consumption flexibility.** We encourage and, if necessary, oblige electricity sellers to offer electricity contracts that combine the stability of a fixed price with the possibility of saving money by shifting consumption away from peak consumption hours.
10. **We develop the hydrogen economy, energy storage and electricity transmission connections.** We will make sure that Finland is an attractive destination for hydrogen investments, We will create a national hydrogen economy strategy for Finland and we will start implementing it ambitiously. We ensure the conditions for companies to utilize hydrogen and succeed in the global hydrogen market. We improve electricity transmission connections within Finland and in the Nordic countries.

## **4. It is the right time to ensure the safety**

The goal of the coalition is a safe Finland, which is an inseparable part of the Western value, economic and security community. Finland's most important partners are the European Union and the defense alliance NATO. In addition to international cooperation, we want to invest in strong national defense, internal security and the basic pillars of the rule of law.

**A safe Finland is created by these means:**

1. **We will make Finland an active member of the defense alliance NATO.** We are strengthening Finland's position as part of the West. Finland defines its own role and line in NATO. We do not set any restrictions on participating in NATO activities.
2. **We secure sufficient resources for Finland's national defense.** We strengthen the operating conditions of the domestic and European defense industry. We commit to keeping defense spending at least 2 percent of GDP. We extend the invitations to cover the entire age group. We ensure the participation of the best talents of the age group in national defense.
3. **We are strengthening Finland's border security.** We secure funding for the border guard and the construction of the border fence between Finland and Russia.
4. **We strengthen overall security and national crisis resilience.** We ensure that Finland prepares for hybrid and cyber threats by all possible means. We strengthen the protection of critical infrastructure as well as security of supply and food and energy self-sufficiency.
5. **We improve the everyday safety of Finns.** We intervene in domestic violence. We ensure the safety of homes and streets. We will increase the number of police officers and ensure sufficient resources and powers for internal security authorities and the legal system.
6. **We strengthen the rule of law.** We update the criminal legislation to be up-to-date and shorten the duration of legal processes.
7. **We fight the marginalization of young people, crime and gangs, and we block Sweden's way.** We use both soft and hard methods. We are putting in place preventive support services for young people, child protection and integration policy. We invest in the mental health of young people and preventive substance abuse work. We will toughen the punishments for street crime and firearms crimes.
8. **We update the asylum policy.** We direct the shelters to those most in need and prevent abuse of the system. We are streamlining both the processing processes of asylum applications and returns to countries of origin. We ensure strong incentives for the integration of immigrants by making work and language learning more mandatory.
9. **We operate actively and proactively in the EU and promote a strong and economically competitive union.** We deepen integration in those industries where it makes sense and emphasize the member states' own responsibility in others. We enhance Finland's influence on the EU and protect our national interests. We created a strategy to reduce dependence and risks from authoritarian countries such as China. We practice strategic, active and effective development cooperation, which binds developing countries to a rules-based international system that respects human rights.
10. **We protect Finland's interests in the world .** The most important task of Finland's foreign policy is to ensure Finland's security and the well-being of Finns, as well as the fulfillment of commercial interests. With growing superpower competition and conflicts,

promoting these goals requires a new approach from Finnish foreign policy and diplomacy.

## **5. Finnish innovations and know-how. Now is their time.**

The goal of the coalition is a Finland whose competitiveness is based on strong education and high competence. We want every child to have a strong starting point for life through high-quality early childhood education and individual basic education. We want to raise Finnish universities and Finnish research to the top of the world.

### **Is this how it works:**

1. **We increase the quality and participation rate of early childhood education.** We implement two-year preschool education and aim for free early childhood education.
2. **We are fixing up the primary school.** In basic education, we focus on the basics: the peace of learning and adequate individual support. We enable teachers to focus on teaching and stop the slide in learning results. We make sure that people graduate from elementary school with sufficient skills.
3. **We ensure secondary education for the entire age group.** We secure sufficient resources for the content and support services of secondary education. We ensure that there are enough teaching hours for young people in vocational training. We promote apprenticeship contracts and make it possible to prove competence also through doing.
4. **We are increasing the proportion of people with higher education in the population.** By 2030, 50% will complete a university degree. We point the starting places of higher education to where there is the biggest shortage of talent.
5. **We are renewing the division of work, profiling and cooperation in higher education institutions.** We encourage higher education institutions to find the fields in which they can aim for the top of the world. We strengthen the autonomy of higher education institutions by capitalizing them. We enable more individual learning paths, flexible paths to working life and on-the-job learning.
6. **We are strengthening funding for science and research.** We are implementing a program lasting the duration of the election period, with which higher education institutions will be capitalized with a total of one billion euros of public money and at least half a billion of private money.
7. **We will increase research, development and innovation funding to 4 percent of GDP by 2030.** We will permanently introduce companies' extensive RDI tax deduction right, which will increase the amount of companies' RDI investments.
8. **We increase the internationality of education.** We secure a two-year residence permit for those who have graduated from higher education to look for a job. We increase the number of international students in the second degree and ensure the prerequisites for language skills and integration into society at a young age.
9. **We strengthen the operating conditions of culture and the creative economy.** We develop cultural exports and tourism and strengthen the cultural sector after the corona pandemic.
10. **We strengthen the prerequisites for exercise and sports.** We support people's health and well-being by promoting a physically active lifestyle. The conditions for elite sports are increased together with the business world

## 6. More well-being and less marginalization. Now is the right time.

The Finland that the coalition aims for is a good society for children, young people, working-age people and the elderly. We want to promote the health and well-being of Finns and invest in the prevention of exclusion and other problems. We want to speed up Finns' access to social and health services and to secure a functional everyday life for every Finn.

### Here is our recipe:

1. **We speed up access to social and health services.** We improve the availability of services with e.g. remote answering machines and other digital services.
2. **We promote people's genuine opportunity to choose in social and health services.** We use Kela compensation, service vouchers and personal budgeting to organize services.
3. **We also use companies and organizations to provide social and health services.** We improve the quality and cost efficiency of services with multi-production. We monitor the quality of the services, regardless of the producer, and we intervene in the detected shortcomings.
4. **We are taking determined measures to solve the nursing shortage.** We invest in nurses' training, well-being at work, development opportunities and international recruitment.
5. **We invest in the prevention of health and well-being problems.** We implement a therapy guarantee and improve mental health services. We take care of problems at an early stage, so that their human and social costs remain as small as possible. We reduce immobility by promoting opportunities for an active everyday lifestyle.
6. **We secure a valuable old age for every elderly person.** We put round-the-clock care, housing services, home care and family care in order as a whole. We support caregivers to cope. We take care of maintaining an active lifestyle for seniors.
7. **We remove obstacles to the living and participation of disabled people.** We design the urban environment to be barrier-free and the services to be accessible. In decision-making, we take into account, for example, physical, hearing and vision limitations, as well as developmental disabilities. We secure opportunities for disabled people to participate in working life.
8. **We make everyday life easier for families with children.** We secure services for families to make everyday life easier. We ensure preventive services and early intervention, so that help and support can be obtained before problems multiply. We strengthen the well-being of children and young people.
9. **We develop family leave based on equality and employment.** We take into account the child's interest and the families' individual perspective.
10. **We strengthen Finns' sense of community and prevent marginalization.** We are building an equal and equal Finland. We strengthen the feeling of security. We work to ensure that everyone feels that they are part of society.