The parliamentary election program of the Coalition 2019

#### We trust Finland

# We Finns are the most reliable people in the world. We have always done our job and managed, even in difficult places. We have all the conditions to continue Finland's success story even better than before.

Together we can do even better.

The Congress has a clear vision of what kind of successful Finland it is, and what needs to be done to achieve success.

We trust Finland. And we trust the Finns. Finns deserve more hope and faith in the future.

Our well-being will increase as long as we free Finns to do and realize themselves. The goal of the coalition is a Finland where everyone can develop themselves, get excited and succeed, and participate according to their abilities. You can also fail and need help, then we will help you.

#### A fair society offers everyone the tools to build a good life.

The goal of the coalition is a Finland where regulation is not an obstacle to activity. A country where it is safe to live and work. A stable society where the economy is managed responsibly.

Got to do -In Finland, working life is being reformed in a more flexible and equal direction than it is now. Both those working and those looking for work have the opportunity to update their skills. More and more matters of working life are agreed upon where things are best known, i.e. at workplaces. The ambitious family leave reform will especially improve the position of women in the labor market. In the future, you can flexibly combine work with studying or starting a business and with your own family situation. Even those outside the working life have opportunities to do and participate.

For us, taxation is a tool that enables people's well-being and the wheels of society to run. Taxes are people's money, and we want to share only what is necessary. This is how we encourage you to do more. Instead of work and effort, we tax more emissions and harm. We use taxation to combat climate change.

A fair society offers everyone the tools to build a good life. It is equality of opportunity. Everyone can also trust that in a difficult place, society and safety nets will support and help them get back on their feet. Social security is reformed to encourage activity, activity and self-development. So that doing the work is always worth it.

Finland is open, international and safe. A country that makes sustainable solutions for the environment, climate and security both nationally and together with others in Europe and the world.

In a Finland like this, everyone can trust that they will be fine.

Read more about the values of the convention here



### Well-being is based on work

#### Finland is a Nordic welfare society, which by many measures is one of the best or the best country in the world for people.

Finland takes care of basic rights and safety and the environment. It offers equal opportunities to learn, develop and grow, try, work and spend secure retirement days. To receive care and take care of them when needed, as well as opportunities to fulfill oneself and pursue one's goals. Such a thing is only possible if everyone can participate in society and as many as possible can earn a living according to their abilities and possibilities by working or trying. We want to remove obstacles to the diligence and ingenuity of Finns.

- 1. Implement a tax reform that favors work and entrepreneurship and reduces the burden on the environment and combats climate change.
- 2. A comprehensive reform of social security will be implemented, which guarantees the conditions for a dignified life, strengthens the rewarding nature of work, encourages activity and preserves consideration of needs.
- 3. Let's commit to structural and labor market reforms that will increase employment to at least 75 percent during the election period and create the conditions to raise employment to the Nordic level and close the sustainability gap.
- 4. Let's lower the thresholds that prevent the partially able to work.

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- 5. Let's implement a reform that opens up the possibilities of continuous learning for everyone.
- 6. Structures and mechanisms that bring interruptions and interruptions to careers are identified and removed.
- 7. Let's continue the work of dismantling norms, streamlining permit processes, and implement the one-stop shop principle to promote business, job creation, and operating conditions for primary production. Let's continue the work to open new markets for Finnish foodstuffs, products and services.
- 8. Let's remove barriers to competition between companies and make market access easier, for example by waiving the requirement assessment for pharmacy licenses, allowing drug price competition and liberalizing safety, ensuring self-medication drugs for grocery stores.

- 9. Let's continue to lighten alcohol regulation by releasing wines to the grocery store, further lightening restaurant regulation and waiving the conditions regarding food sales in retail sales.
- 10. We will strengthen Finland's attractiveness as an industrial investment destination by taking care of the predictability and legal certainty of the operating environment of companies.
- 11. No pacing legislation or back-and-forth tax changes. Avoiding national over-regulation in business activities.
- 12. Don't let competitor countries run away in terms of cost competitiveness.
- 13. Let's hold the parties of working life accountable for actions that promote labor peace.
- 14. Let's influence determinedly in the EU for the expansion and deepening of the internal market. We actively pursue free trade agreements between the EU and third countries
- 15. Let's increase Finland's attractiveness as a location for international new technology businesses, for example by speeding up the digitalization of Finnish public administration.
- 16. Enabling regulation will be implemented, which will make Finland an interesting growth environment for digital business.
- 17. Let's ensure the smooth flow of information between authorities. We commit to asking for the same information only once.
- 18. Strengthen people's rights to decide and benefit from using information about themselves.
- 19. The labor availability consideration will be removed and foreign degree students will automatically be granted a residence permit of at least two years after graduation.
- 20. A recruitment program for trained and skilled labor will be established and a platform will be created for Finnish workers and foreign experts to meet.

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## Capturing opportunities with expertise and learning

## Learning is a prerequisite for functioning in modern society. It is also a prerequisite for succeeding in the future working life.

Only a few people have a decades-long working career in one and the same field, in similar positions. Finns must be offered the means and conditions to act flexibly and adapt to changes in working life and the rapid development of technology. It is based on a strong general education, basic and social skills learned early, and the ability to constantly acquire new skills and update existing ones.

- 21. Extend preschool education to two years.
- 22. Early childhood education fees will be gradually reduced. The long-term goal is free early childhood education (20 h/week), in which the entire age group participates.
- 23. Completion of compulsory education must also take place in terms of content through the achievement of the learning goals of basic education. The goal must be that everyone entering the 3rd grade can read, write and count.
- 24. We will improve the identification of learning difficulties and improve getting early support for them.

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- 25. Let's improve the opportunities for teachers to use their time for their actual work, i.e. teaching and meeting students.
- 26. Let's enable healthy and safe schools as learning and work environments for everyone.
- 27. We will strengthen the profiling, cooperation and division of work of universities and universities of applied sciences.
- 28. A planned program will be launched to increase R&D investments to four percent of GDP.
- 29. Diversify the opportunities for higher education institutions to collect private funding.
- 30. Secondary and higher education students are encouraged to participate in the exchange.

- 31. Let's recognize the needs of a rapidly changing working life and shift the focus in education from degree-centered to competence-centered.
- 32. The educational offerings of higher education institutions will be opened up more flexibly than at present for people and working life to utilize.
- 33. Let's build a model of continuous learning in working life, where responsibility lies with both the employee, the employer and the public authority.
- 34. Let's build the conditions for a well-functioning adult education market.
- 35. The prerequisites for free educational work and other voluntary activities and development in lifelong learning will be strengthened.
- 36. Those who have received a residence permit must quickly get to work and learn the language and other skills. Children's participation in early childhood education must be promoted.

Read the Children and families program here Find out about the cultural policy statement here



## From a newborn to the elderly - everyone is included

## The starting point of a civilized society is that no one is left alone, but everyone gets help and support when needed.

Caring for those closest to us belongs to all of us, but public services and authorities also play an important role. Special attention must be given to combating the marginalization of children and young people, which requires a sense of community and extensive multi-professional cooperation. Intergenerational marginalization must be broken. The role of the senior population is growing both as active citizens and as users of services, but also as enablers of them. It is also necessary to improve equality in working life.

- 37. We systematically tackle bullying and social isolation in schools.
- 38. Expand the hobby guarantee and strengthen the physical activity culture of schools and early childhood education. Let's bring hobbies to school afternoons.
- 39. Promoting an active lifestyle, for example by strengthening exercise counseling in counseling centers and health services. We will increase the opportunities for children and young people to move in a variety of ways and get involved in cultural activities. Basic art education is being strengthened.
- 40. Identify those at risk of dropping out of secondary education and offer them individual support services.

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- 41. Let's strengthen the role of invitations in combating marginalization by extending them to the entire age group and by expanding their health check to also cover the young person's social situation more widely than at present.
- 42. Let's fight poverty by continuing reforms that increase employment, such as the tax reform favoring work and the social security reform based on the universal support model, which dismantles incentive traps.
- 43. Let's make a family leave reform that improves employment and especially sustainably reduces women's pension poverty, putting the interests of children first and safeguarding the freedom of choice of different families.

- 44. Strengthening coping at work and reconciling family and working life so that careers are not terminated prematurely.
- 45. Let's make it easier to work even in retirement for those whose own interest and stamina make it possible.
- 46. Strengthen the work to reduce homelessness by increasing the supply of apartments, especially in the areas of large population centers. Actions to prevent over-indebtedness will be intensified.
- 47. An extensive action program will be implemented to develop mental health and substance abuse services and to reduce social stigma related to mental health.
- 48. Let's reform the trans law and give public recognition to everyone's inalienable human dignity and the right to be openly themselves as a unique individual.
- 49. Ensuring equal access to social and health services everywhere by enabling the use of private and non-profit service providers.
- 50. A care guarantee and subsidized care leave for those working and caring for their relatives will be implemented.
- 51. Broad freedom of choice and the associated personal budgeting in social and health services will be implemented.
- 52. Methods based on new technology will be introduced to increase the safety, comfort and smoothness of seniors' housing and living environment.
- 53. Improvements will be made to the position of pensioners with the lowest incomes and those with the most illnesses, primarily through changes to the guaranteed pension and medical reimbursement system and customer fees.

Find out about the senior position statement here

Read the Children and families program here

Read the cultural vision here

Guidelines for the development of social security services

Equality and equality political program



### Safety as a basic right

## A functioning rule of law and authorities that maintain order are the backbone of a safe society.

They must be able to carry out their tasks effectively. Citizens' trust in the entire democratic system ultimately depends on this. Today, new dimensions of security issues, including hybrid influence and international cooperation, must also be seen more and more widely. Marginalization is one of the most central threats to internal security.

- 54. Strengthen the authorities' ability to maintain people's right to live in safety both at home and in public places. The resources of both the police, the prosecutor and the courts must be sufficient to investigate crimes and secure legal order throughout the country.
- 55. A comprehensive reform of rape and exploitation crimes will be implemented. The right to sexual self-determination and the position of the victim are strengthened. Punishments for sexual and violent crimes are especially being tightened.
- 56. We will especially strengthen the identification of crimes against children and make those who commit them responsible for their actions.
- 57. Places in shelters will be increased, methods will be mapped and implemented to deal with intimate partner violence.

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- 58. Security of supply will be secured in terms of energy, food, political and trade relations.
- 59. Hybrid influence will be combated by both developing the means of the authorities and strengthening the capabilities of citizens.
- 60. Expand and deepen participation in various forms of defense and security cooperation both within the framework of the EU and NATO, as well as bilaterally and multilaterally.
- 61. A credible defense based on conscription will be maintained and a program of measures will be drawn up to increase the rate of participation in military service. Let's secure the reservists' opportunities to practice their skills.
- 62. The conscription system will be developed by increasing the opportunities for women to participate in military service, for example by expanding call-ups.

- 63. Promoting the channeling of private investments into climate change mitigation projects in developing countries.
- 64. Special emphasis is placed on development cooperation projects related to the education of women and girls.
- 65. Political stability, economic development, and the growth of jobs and investments in Africa will be strengthened both nationally and through the EU.
- 66. Let's create a credible road map for achieving the 0.7% GDP share of development cooperation.
- 67. In asylum policy, the focus is shifted from uncontrolled cross-border applications to quota enforcement and the processing of applications at the EU's external border. The control of the EU's external borders must be credible.
- 68. The return of immigrants who have committed crimes and asylum seekers who have received a negative decision to their home countries will be enhanced by legislative changes and by strengthening the activities of the authorities and international cooperation.

See our views on foreign and security policy here
Get to know our vision for a better asylum policy here



## Vibrant cities and the opportunities of the entire country

## Cities are engines of growth and vitality. They are also breeding grounds for culture and innovation.

Every day, millions of encounters and millions of ideas give birth to new ways to meet needs, solve problems and improve people's lives. The dynamism and demand created by the markets formed by cities also enable the surrounding regions and provinces to remain vibrant and develop. The opportunities offered by cities for the well-being of people and the country as a whole must be used. Working areas in urban areas must be made to work with reasonable traffic planning. A network of cities must be formed with fast transport links between the cities, which also enable connecting the countryside between the cities to the working areas of the cities and at the same time reduce the need for short flights.

- 69. Promoting the connection of working areas of large centers according to the "one-hour train" model. In the case of regional growth centers, planning based on connections lasting no more than one hour is also taken as a starting point.
- 70. Let's connect different parts of the country to city-led growth by strengthening the main line and starting planning for the technical speed of the lines, double tracks and electrification.
- 71. In order to speed up nationally significant, large transport projects, a new kind of funding model that goes beyond election periods will be developed.
- 72. Let's expand the use of the employee travel ticket and business travel deduction and the car benefit in order to increase more versatile and environmentally friendly travel options.

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- 73. The smoothness and safety of road traffic will be strengthened by continuing the repair debt program, and the condition of the road network outside the main thoroughfares will be taken care of, among other things, to ensure the functionality of the forestry value chain.
- 74. The proposals of the parliamentary transport network working group to promote new transport services, innovations and automation and to reduce transport emissions will be implemented.
- 75. Innovation environments in cities are strengthened, where universities, research institutes and companies jointly develop future solutions, for example through innovation alliances.

- 76. Let's cherish cultural and natural landscapes as common national heritage and local tourism destinations.
- 77. The accessibility of urban culture, cultural and sports services and other stimulating activities that promote well-being will be strengthened.
- 78. The opportunities for rural businesses to benefit from the developing markets of growing urban areas will be supported, for example by facilitating the processing of raw materials already on the farms.

Read our city vision here
Get to know the urban political program here



## Climate change and environmental protection

## No one can avoid the question of climate change, as well as the cleanliness of the environment and the preservation of species.

By many measures, Finland is at the top of the world in environmental and climate responsibility, but we too have to do more. The coalition wants to raise the level of ambition in climate policy and environmental protection both in Finland and in Europe. The change starts at everyone's home with everyday choices. The means of state power are also needed, because the challenges are common.

- 79. Let's start a comprehensive program to abandon the significant energy use of fossil fuels in the 2030s and systematically begin to dismantle the support mechanisms that promote and maintain their use.
- 80. Let's raise the EU's emission reduction target to 55 percent of the 1990 level by 2030 instead of the current 40 percent.
- 81. We will promote cooperation in all seven strategic areas defined by the EU Commission in order to achieve a more sustainable climate policy and emission targets.
- 82. Promote the use of emission-free forms of electricity production, including renewable energy sources and nuclear power.

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- 83. Let's encourage households and companies to adopt smart energy solutions and thus increase the possibilities of utilizing consumption flexibility.
- 84. Making it easier to utilize industrial and primary production side streams and waste as raw materials and, for example, in energy production.
- 85. The use of plastic grades that are not suitable for recycling will be reduced and, if necessary, banned completely. Plastics are replaced with renewable materials.
- 86. Measures will be continued to improve the state of the Baltic Sea and reduce eutrophication, especially to bind phosphorus in the soil and to develop alternative uses for manure.
- 87. Environmentally friendly methods and raw materials and innovations that reduce emissions are recommended for public procurement criteria.

- 88. The Mining Act will be updated to meet modern requirements, taking into account both environmental and economic aspects and the overall benefit of society.
- 89. Let's keep Finland involved in the development of environmentally friendly technologies and in the value chains of raw materials needed by emerging technologies and their processing.
- 90. Let's take care of the opportunities for camping, outdoor recreation and nature exercise and protect every man's rights.
- 91. Let's stop the deterioration of natural diversity by protecting sufficiently large ensembles of different habitat types.
- 92. Endangered fish stocks will be strengthened by removing barriers to growth and ensuring sustainable fishing.

Read the environmental policy program here



#### The renewing "You can do" Finland

Finland needs a comprehensive reform program, the key points of which have been presented above. It is equally important to do it in a way that is sustainable and maintains people's safety.

A sustainable policy is environmentally and socially sustainable, but it must also be economically sustainable. We can only promise what we are ready to keep. Costs and taxation must be kept under control and debt under control. You have to be able to trust Finland, and we want to stick to this in the future as well.

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We want Finland to be a country that takes care of its own affairs and does its part. At the same time, it is "You can do" Finland, where everyone can be themselves, pursue their ideals, learn new things, work and try. A country where success is neither envied nor hindered. But also a country where you can count on getting help when you get into trouble. In Finland, everyone is heard and taken into account. To be accepted as oneself, with strengths and weaknesses. That kind of Finland is the best country in the world.