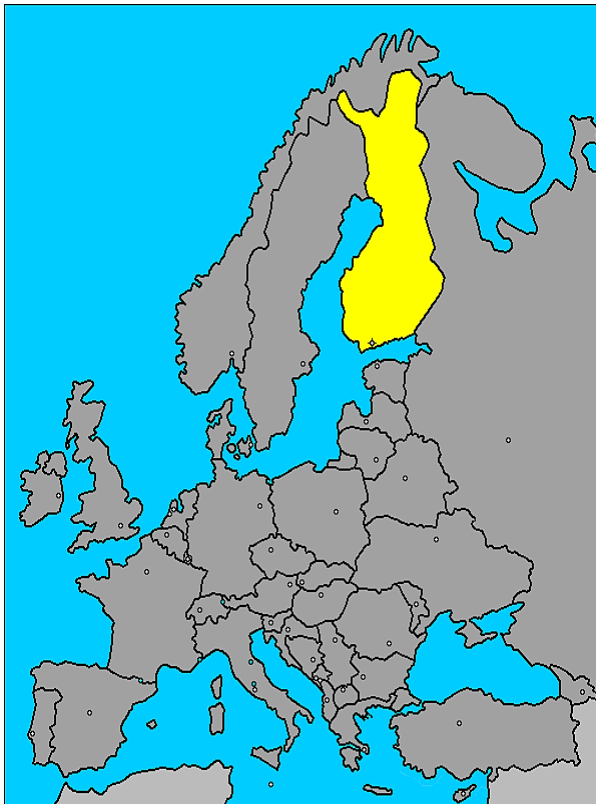


## Finland is yellow?

Somehow and at some time you have heard about this country in North-Eastern Europe before. Being the fifth biggest country in the European Union with about 338.000 square kilometers it is surrounded by Sweden in the West, Norway in the North, and Russia in the East. About 5.35 million people live in this country, as much as in Slovakia but it is about eight times bigger than Slovakia. It was divided into 6 provinces and about half of the population lives in the Southern third part. Here you will also find the bigger lively cities like Helsinki with about 560.000, Turku, Espoo and Tampere with about 210.000 people.



Helsinki, the beautiful capital of Finland, is situated right at the Gulf of Finland in the Province of Southern-Finland. In the inner country, the interesting city of Tampere can be found about 160 kilometers North West of Helsinki, in the Province of Western-Finland. Nokia is only a few kilometers away. The most Northern Province is called Lapland, above the Northern polar circle and lies about 1 000 km North of Tampere. There, the small town of Rovaniemi is also called the "Gate to Lapland". The more to the North you will go, the less the country is populated in general. Finland has a coast line of over 1 600 km and just recently 187.888 lakes were counted for in the "Land of the thousands lakes". Also, big parts of the Finnish country are covered by almost endless forests.

And...

**No, Finland is not yellow!**

