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Prime Minister Orpo's Government appointed

On Tuesday 20 June, the President of the Republic appointed Finland's 77th Government, led by Prime Minister Petteri Orpo. At the same time, the President released the ministers in Prime Minister Marin's Government from their duties as members of the Government.

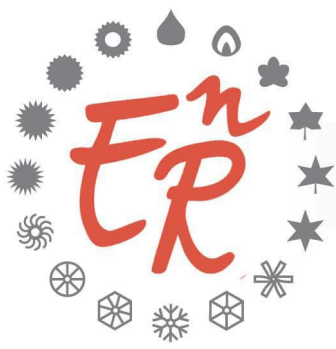
The Government headed by Prime Minister Petteri Orpo will consist of 19 ministers: 8 from the National Coalition Party, 7 from the Finns Party, 2.5 from the Swedish People's Party and 1.5 from the Christian Democrats. Minister of Finance Riikka Purra was appointed to deputise for the Prime Minister.

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A strong and committed Finland: Programme of Prime Minister Petteri Orpo's Government 20 June 2023

The Government is seeking to make Finland a strong and committed country that can withstand global storms. In a strong and committed Finland, people will have the opportunity to increase their knowledge and competence, find work, live on their pay or pension, and live in safety. The most vulnerable people can trust that they will be taken care of. It is the responsibility of government to provide a framework for freedom and opportunity.

The new government plans to make Finland a global leader through historically large investments in research, development, and innovation. Finland aims to be a technological



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frontrunner. The opportunities provided by digitalisation and artificial intelligence will be made full use of while making sure people keep pace with technological change. The most important goal of the Government's economic policy will be to achieve sustainable growth and ensure resilience.

The Government programme states that Finland will be active and take the initiative in NATO, the European Union, the United Nations and in other international contexts. Close Nordic cooperation will be particularly important. Finland's strong defence capability will contribute to the stability of the entire Nordic region.

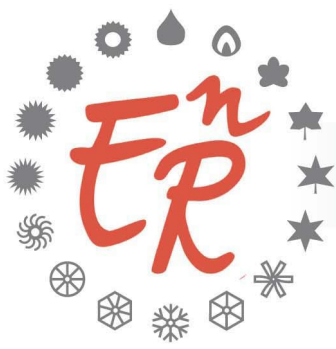
The energy transition and clean technologies will offer Finland opportunities to create jobs, exports, economic growth and prosperity. Finland will punch above its weight in climate policy. Finland values clean nature and combats biodiversity loss. The Government ensures that clean and affordable energy is available.

[A strong and committed Finland – Programme of Prime Minister Petteri Orpo's Government](#)
20 June 2023 as an online publication on the Government's website.

The new Governmental Programme supports renewable energy

According to the Prime Minister Orpo's Governmental Programme Finland is committed to the previously defined climate targets. In addition, the Governmental Programme outlines that the operating conditions for wind power will be developed and that the increase in electricity production will be ensured putting emphasis also on the public acceptance. There is also a desire to build wind power in different parts of the country and, to a significant extent, also offshore. The competitive position of Finnish offshore wind power in relation to neighbouring markets will be strengthened.

The Government will update the Energy and Climate Strategy, and the carbon-neutrality roadmaps of different industry sectors will also be updated. The Government will also encourage all sectors to draw up biodiversity maps, which will provide an understanding of the dependence of economic activity on nature and the added value it provides (ecosystem services).



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Energy, previously the responsibility of the Minister of Economic Affairs and Employment, is now the responsibility of the Minister of Climate and the Environment Kai Mykkänen.

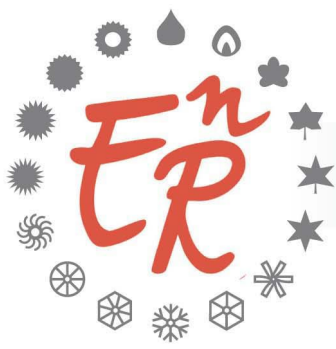
The Governmental Programme contains many positive things that directly affect wind power, such as pushing further the efforts for better coexistence of wind power and military activity, and establishing a high-level co-operation group to ensure both the implementation of measures that can be implemented quickly and to form a shared longer-term vision of the potential for siting wind power, which would support the planning of investments. Other steps include Amendment of the Compensation Law, extending the right to build transmission lines that serve several electricity producers to grid companies and reduction of duplicate complaints.

[Read in more detail about the Government Programme from the viewpoint of renewable energy.](#)

Carbon neutral Finland 2035 – national climate and energy strategy

The National Climate and Energy Strategy outlines measures by which Finland will meet the EU's climate commitments for 2030 and achieve the targets set in the Climate Change Act for reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 60 per cent by 2030 and being carbon neutral by 2035. It is estimated that the share of renewable energy will rise above Finland's indicative minimum target presented in the EU's Fit for 55 Package by 2030. On the other hand, Finland will exceed the indicative final maximum energy consumption laid out in the Fit for 55 Package if the development proceeds according to the scenario calculations.

The strategy focuses on the green transition and the phasing-out of Russian fossil energy, which has become increasingly topical during spring 2022. With regard to heat production, the strategy focuses on promoting non-combustion-based heating. The electrification of the energy system and the use of system integration are vital topics, especially when it comes to sectors where reducing emissions is difficult. The strategy includes a national hydrogen strategy to promote the hydrogen economy and electrofuels and to set quantitative targets for hydrogen electrolysis capacity.



The emissions trading system and a predictable long-term climate and energy policy are key steering instruments of the strategy. The measures outlined in the strategy will improve the opportunities for companies to make long-term investments in advanced clean technologies.

During the preparation of the strategy, the impacts that the policies as a whole could have on the environment, gender, national economy and central government finances were assessed, as were social and regional impacts.

[Further information](#)

Popular regional energy advice will continue at least for three years

Free of charge energy advice financed by the Finnish Energy Authority will continue in regions of the mainland Finland. Since 2019 citizens, municipalities as well as small and medium enterprises have received complimentary help for energy questions. This system contributes significantly to reaching the national targets concerning energy efficiency and renewable energy. The most common questions cover the change of heating mode, use of solar power and heat pumps. During the last winter also questions about electricity contracts were very common.

[Further information](#)

M.Soc.Sc. Elina Moisio appointed as new Managing Director of Motiva Ltd.

New Managing Director Elina Moisio started in her post on May 2nd in 2023. She worked earlier as Managing Director of Miltoon Networks Ltd. She has a wide experience of consulting concerning stakeholder groups of companies and organizations as well as environmental and climate policies. She was also responsible for the growth and profitability of Miltoon Networks Ltd.

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