

Kantaesitys kansalaisuuslain muuttamisesta (VN/28598/2023)

1. Yhteenveto: Perintöön perustuva 2–5 vuoden väylä

Suomen Paluumuuttajayhdistys ry esittää, että todennetuille paluumuuttajille säädetään nopeutettu 2–5 vuoden kansalaisuusväylä. Esitämme ryhmän rinnastamista Pohjoismaiden kansalaisiin (*Kansalaisuuslaki 18 a §*). Ehdotettu malli poistaisi nykyisessä esityksessä olevan strategisesti haitallisen ”paluumuuttosakon” ja palauttaisi oikeudenmukaisuuden todennetuille suomalaisille jälkeläisille.

2. Strateginen mandaatti: Ulkosuomalaisstrategian noudattaminen

Esityksemme nojaa suoraan valtioneuvoston hyväksymään **Ulkosuomalaisstrategiaan 2022–2026**. Koska strategia on voimassa vuoden 2026 loppuun asti, ministeriöllä on hallinnollinen velvoite noudattaa sen tavoitteita:

- **Väestöpoliittinen potentiaali:** Strategia tunnistaa 2 miljoonaa suomalaistaustaista henkilöä (s. 9). 8 vuoden asumisvaatimus estää tämän globaalin resurssin hyödyntämisen.
- **Sujuva paluumuutto:** Strateginen tavoite 3 velvoittaa ministeriön purkamaan paluumuuton esteitä. Uusi lakiluonnos luo päinvastoin uusia esteitä, mikä on ristiriidassa valtion omien tavoitteiden kanssa.

3. Hallinnollinen pariteetti ja oikeusturva

- **Aiempi todentaminen:** Paluumuuttajat on jo kertaalleen turvallisuusselvitetty ja heidän taustansa todennettu *Ulkomaalaislain 48 §:n* mukaisessa oleskelulupaprosessissa.
- **Yhdenvertaisuus:** Perustuslain 6 §:n valossa ei ole hyväksyttävää syytä kohdella todennettua suomalaista jälkeläistä huonommin kuin Pohjoismaan kansalaista.

4. Ratkaisumalli: Finnish Heritage Continuity Project (FHCP)

Tarjoamme valtion käyttöön **FHCP-viitekehyksen**, joka varmistaa hakijan syvällisen sitoutumisen suomalaiseen oikeusjärjestykseen. Tämä 10-pilariin perustuva malli (ks. Liite A) toimii sovittelavana sinikopiona kansalaisuusprosessin tueksi.

Position Statement on the Amendment of the Citizenship Act (VN/28598/2023)

Suomen Paluumuuttajayhdistys ry / Finland Remigrants Association (ry)

1. The Heritage-Based Pathway: A 2–5 Year Framework

Suomen Paluumuuttajayhdistys ry proposes an accelerated 2–5 year pathway to citizenship for verified remigrants. We call for administrative parity with Nordic citizens (Declaration after 5 years, Application after 2 years). This removes the strategically counterproductive "Return Penalty" and restores fairness for verified descendants of Finnish citizens.

2. Strategic Mandate: Compliance with National Strategy 2022–2026

Our proposal is anchored in the **Strategy on Expatriate Finns 2022–2026**, which remains the binding policy roadmap for the State.

- **Demographic Potential:** The strategy recognizes up to 2 million people of Finnish descent (p. 9). An 8-year residency requirement acts as a direct barrier to leveraging this global resource.
- **Administrative Inconsistency:** It is contradictory to recognize "Finnishness" in strategy while treating descendants as "generic foreigners" in naturalization.

3. Administrative Parity and Legal Certainty

- **Prior Verification:** Remigrants undergo background checks and heritage verification under Section 48 of the Aliens Act. Their integration begins from a vetted baseline.
- **Constitutional Equality:** Under Section 6 of the Constitution, there is no "acceptable reason" to treat a verified Finnish descendant more restrictively than a Nordic citizen.

4. The Solution: The Finnish Heritage Continuity Project (FHCP)

We offer the **FHCP Framework** as a superior alternative to generic testing. This 10-pillar curriculum ensures deep engagement with the Finnish social contract and constitutional literacy (See Appendix A).

APPENDIX A: The Finnish Heritage Continuity Project (FCP)

A Heritage-Specific Social Science Curriculum for the Global Finnish Diaspora

In Memoriam: Olli Kinkkonen (1881–1918) *This project is dedicated to the memory of Olli Kinkkonen and the countless members of the Finnish diaspora who, through the decades, carried the dream of returning to their ancestral home. Kinkkonen's tragic story — a man caught between worlds, seeking only to return to a Finland at the dawn of its independence — serves as the foundational reminder that the "Right of Return" is not merely an administrative procedure, but a matter of historical justice and human dignity.*

The Philosophy of the Lingua Diaspora

The **FHCP** utilizes English as its primary medium: our *Lingua Diaspora*. This is not a bypass of the Finnish or Swedish language, but an act of profound respect for the Republic's social contract. By removing the linguistic barrier for complex legal and historical concepts, we ensure that remigrants achieve Legal Certainty (*Oikeusturva*) and internalize Finnish values with conceptual depth before re-entering the Finnish-speaking sphere.

A Note on Curriculum Sequence: The Chronology of Continuity

The **FHCP** follows a Sequential Historical Timeline, ensuring that remigrants understand the layers of the Finnish State in the order they were established. We begin with our history as the diaspora, and then journey back in time up to the present.

The Ten Pillars of Cultural Literacy

Pillar 1: Global Finnish Heritage & Migratory History An analysis of the diaspora's role in shaping Finland's global reputation. We explore how the "grit" (*Sisu*) of early emigrants established the international standard for Finnish resilience and how the diaspora remains a permanent wing of the nation.

Pillar 2: The Northern Dimension & Territorial Heritage An examination of the constitutional framework regarding the Sápmi as an integral part of Finland's national identity. We explore the legal evolution of the North and the State's duty to preserve the unique cultural tapestry that defines the Arctic Republic.

Pillar 3: The Stewardship of the Land & Traditional Law A study of Finland's historical relationship with its natural resources. We explore the legal foundations of **Everyman's Right (*Jokamiehenoikeus*)** as a traditional Finnish value of stewardship, and how this deep-rooted respect for the environment created the high-trust social fabric of the modern state.

Pillar 4: Swedish Rule & The Foundations of Law A study of the six-century constitutional evolution under the Swedish Crown. We examine how the Swedish Fundamental Laws created a resilient framework for individual rights, the Rule of Law, and the parliamentary tradition that persists in the modern Republic.

Pillar 5: The Grand Duchy & The Path to Independence An analysis of the autonomous era (1809–1917) and the constitutional struggle to preserve Finnish self-governance against imperial pressure. This explores how the defense of the legal order during the "Years of Oppression" laid the groundwork for the 1917 Declaration of Independence.

Pillar 6: The Blood of the Republic A nuanced study of the 1918 conflict as a defining moment in Finnish citizenship. This section focuses on the **Constitutional Reconciliation** required to move from civil strife to a unified, egalitarian Nordic welfare state.

Pillar 7: Metallic Ambassadors & Global Influence A study of how Finland's unique cultural expression through heavy metal serves as vital vehicles for Finnish soft power. This pillar explores how the nation's "Sisu" manifests in this art, proving that Finnish influence is built on authenticity and a refusal to compromise.

Pillar 8: Guardian of the Standard: Integrity in the Happiest Country This section explores the citizen's duty to maintain the integrity of the welfare state. We examine how a "high-trust" society requires active vigilance to ensure that national success translates into dignity for the most vulnerable.

Pillar 9: The Sovereign Guardian: Fundamental Rights & the Ethical Social Contract A deep-dive into the **Constitution (*Perustuslaki*)** as a shield for the individual. We move beyond a list of duties to explore **Administrative Accountability** and the legal tools that empower every resident to uphold the Rule of Law.

Pillar 10: Hidden in Plain Sight: The Paradox of the Remigrant An exploration of the "Double Alienation" faced by the diaspora. This pillar addresses the importance of **Administrative Continuity** for those who carry the nation's heritage in their hearts, ensuring they are no longer "hidden" from the modern bureaucracy.

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