

National Programme to Promote Democracy and Participation 2025–2027

Monitoring report: Status of Democracy Programme implementation
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National Programme to Promote Democracy and Participation

- The Democracy Programme is based on the Programme of Prime Minister Petteri Orpo's Government.
- **The programme's particular objective is to improve voter turnout and strengthen the participation of children and young people.**
- The programme also aims to:
 - develop good practices in **education for democratic citizenship and human rights**;
 - strengthen a **culture of good discussion and exchange of opinions** in society, starting at an early age, while safeguarding the constitutional freedom of expression and opinion;
 - **promote the inclusion and regional equity of young people**, including by reinforcing the status of youth councils in municipalities and wellbeing services counties;
 - accelerate a controlled transition to **more creative and dynamic municipal government**, and ensure the **implementation of grassroots democracy** by relying on democracy at the local level.
- [The Government Resolution on the Democracy Programme](#) was approved on 20 March 2025.

Democracy Programme implementation plan 2025–2027

The implementation plan was published on 5 August 2025 and updated on 3 November 2025.

The plan outlines practical measures, a rough schedule and the responsible ministries for each measure.

A working group consisting of public officials established by the Ministry of Justice monitors the progress of implementation.

[Democracy Programme
implementation plan for 2025–2027](#)
(in Finnish)

Seven themes

 15 policy goals

 99 measures or projects

Status of Democracy Programme implementation in June 2026



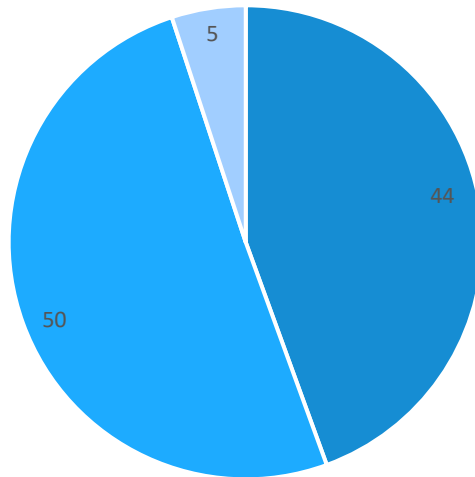
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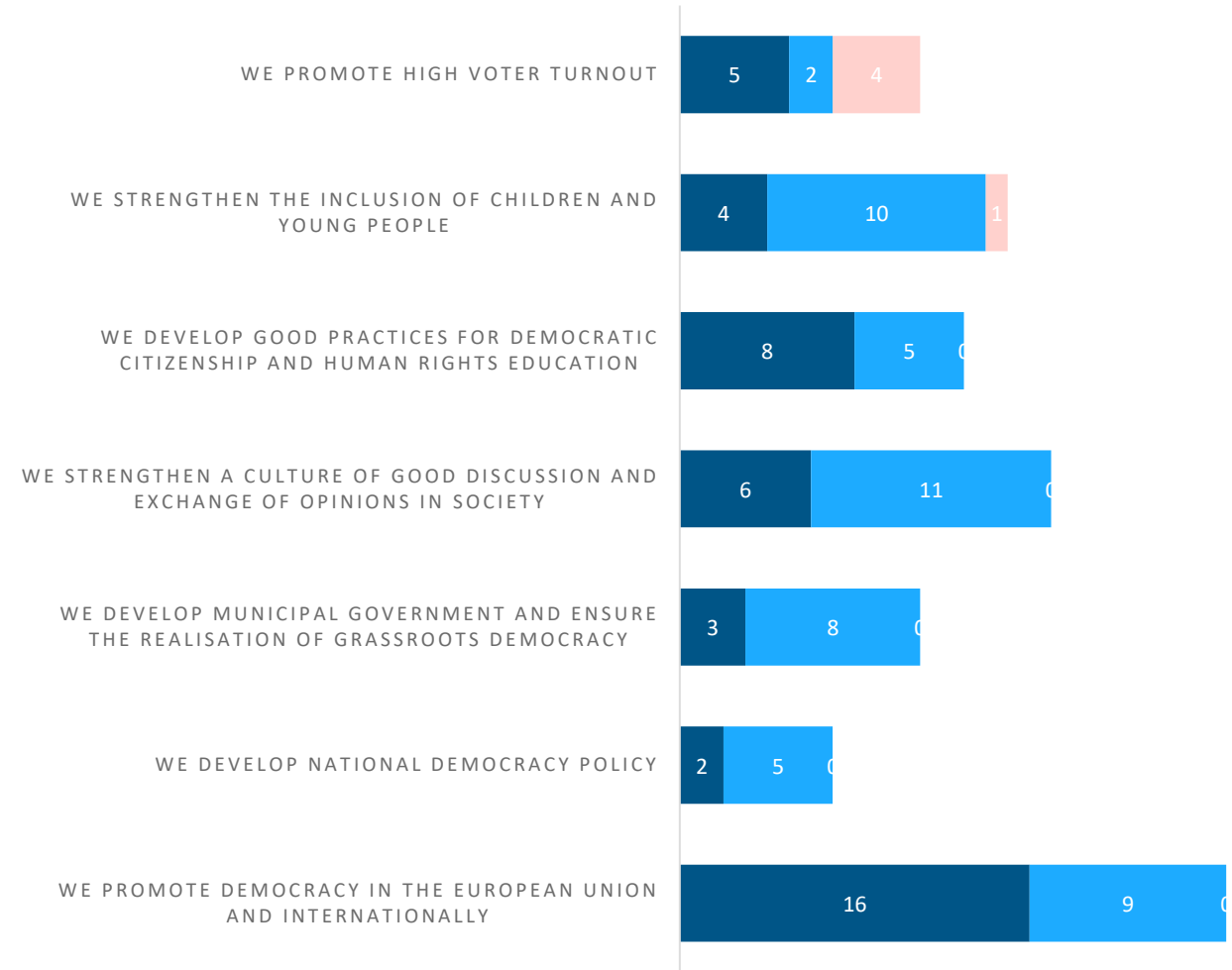
Under way: 50



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Implementation status by theme

1. We promote high voter turnout
2. We strengthen the inclusion of children and young people
3. We develop good practices for democratic citizenship and human rights education
4. We strengthen a culture of good discussion and exchange of opinions in society
5. We develop municipal government and ensure the realisation of grassroots democracy
6. We develop national democracy policy
7. We promote democracy in the European Union and internationally

1. We promote high voter turnout



POLICY GOAL 1: We seek ways to increase voter turnout among young people in particular, to reduce the gaps in voter turnout detected between population groups, genders and areas, and to halt the segregation trend.

Completed

- [A text message pilot carried out in connection with the 2025 county and municipal elections](#) showed that text message reminders with information about the elections increased voter turnout.
- A [Report on the Development of Arrangements for Simultaneous Elections](#) (in Finnish) examined challenges related to simultaneous elections in general, and to the 2025 county and municipal elections in particular. The report proposed measures to address misunderstandings related to voting and to provide support in the voting situation.
- A [service design report concerning simultaneous elections](#) (in Finnish) found that clear guidance, a consistent visual design and well-planned voting arrangements may help prevent miscast votes and significantly facilitate voting.
- In their [final report](#) (in Finnish), a parliamentary working group appointed to address **voting and election practices** set out in the Government Programme highlighted issues such as the accessibility of polling stations and the improvement of guidance related to the granting of transport services.

Under way & planned

- Communication materials and information events concerning elections in plain Finnish (2026–2027).
- Update of the vaalit.fi elections website (2027–2028).
- The Advisory Board for Ethnic Relations' (Ethno) dialogue events about societal participation (2027).

POLICY GOAL 2: We increase the access of children and young people to information about the importance of free elections and to opportunities to practise voting.

Completed

- As part of the *Ungas val* project funded by the Nordic Council of Ministers, a guide was published in November 2025 titled [School elections and other elections for young people in the Nordic countries: A practical guide to organising elections for young people](#).

Under way & planned

- Compiling existing materials concerning elections and coordinating the Finnish Government's information steering activities (2027).
- Planning communication cooperation between central government and civil society organisations concerning the organising of Youth elections.

2. We strengthen the inclusion of children and young people



POLICY GOAL 3: We strengthen the status of the youth councils of the municipalities and wellbeing services counties, as well as cooperation and interaction with other bodies representing children and young people, such as student bodies and associations, and actors working for and with vulnerable children and young people.

Completed

- A parliamentary working group established to address the development of residents' rights of participation assessed **residents' opportunities to participate in and influence municipalities and wellbeing service counties** (e.g. youth councils). [Development of Initiative and Consultation Systems: Assessment report](#) (in Finnish)

Under way & planned

- Among other goals, the [partial reform of the Municipalities Act](#) aims to **clarify youth councils' right to make initiatives under the Municipalities Act**. It also aims to pay more attention to the [guide concerning the establishment of youth councils and their codes of conduct](#) (in Finnish) published by the Association of Finnish Cities and Municipalities, and the Union of Local Youth Councils in 2025.
- The recommendations issued in [the parliamentary working group's assessment report](#) (in Finnish) concerning means of participation will be assessed by the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Justice, the Association of Finnish Cities and Municipalities, and the Hyvinvointialueyhtiö Hyvil company.

POLICY GOAL 4: We strengthen child- and youth-friendly participation and consultation in matters concerning children and young people. (1/2)

Completed

- The revised [Guide to Consultation in Law Drafting](#) (in Finnish and Swedish) includes instructions and tools for consulting children and young people.
- The [Government pilot project on the inclusion of children and young people](#) (in Finnish) compiled children and young people's views about themes they consider important in Finland currently and in the future. The pilot aims to create a permanent model for integrating children and young people's views into government-level preparation work for the next government term.
- The Ministry of Social Affairs and Health's 2025 future-oriented project (*Tulevaisuusvalta*) included **workshops and a digital survey about a future welfare society** and sought to understand how citizens can be consulted about future-related themes as part of a strategic process to strengthen equality, inclusion and social cohesion.
- [The More Effective Consultations through Cooperation: Final Report on the Service Package Supporting the Opportunities of Children and Young People to Participate and Exert Influence](#) (Motiva, in Finnish) compiles lessons learned and recommendations for ministerial inclusion efforts, which have been used to develop means for children and young people to participate and be heard in central government projects and programme work.

Government pilot project on the inclusion of children and young people

The government pilot project on the inclusion of children and young people was launched to create a permanent and systematic way to integrate the views of children and young people into government-level preparation work.

The pilot was targeted at pupils in years 5–9 across Mainland Finland, and they were consulted through a survey, dialogues, digital panels and workshops.

Their messages were incorporated into the key messages from the permanent secretaries of the ministries for the next government term.

Read the report (in Finnish; abstract available in English): [Voice of children and young people in the Finland of future](#)



POLICY GOAL 4: We strengthen child- and youth-friendly participation and consultation in matters concerning children and young people. (2/2)

Under way & planned

- The [Youth Agenda 2030](#) group and the [Youth Nature and Climate Group NUOLI](#) were appointed for a new term from 1 August 2025 to 31 December 2027. The groups are active and have been consulted by, e.g., parliamentary committees.
- [Partnership activities at schools](#) are implemented as part of the Nuoske project, supported by the Ministry of Education and Culture funding. The purpose is to increase interaction between the Minister of Youth, Sport and Physical Activity and young people, with diverse methods and across Finland.
- **The Government's intranet (Kampus) information page and the eOppiva training about [children and young people's participation and consultation in law drafting](#) (in Finnish) will be updated during the spring and summer of 2026.**
- An **advanced training session** on child impact assessment and the consulting of children and young people in law drafting will be held for law drafters in September and October 2026.
- Ministries' law drafters will be provided with **support clinics for consulting children and young people**, and **central government's common ethical guidelines for consulting children and young people** will be prepared.
- The working group for the [National Child Strategy](#) and the Government's network for child and family policy share **best practices for consulting children and young people**, and exchange experiences from participation and consultation processes.

3. We develop good practices for democratic citizenship and human rights education



POLICY GOAL 5: We strengthen the continuum of democratic citizenship and human rights education between the various levels from early childhood education and care to upper secondary education and liberal adult education in accordance with the principles of lifelong learning, and we intensify national-level cooperation, coordination, monitoring and connections with multiliteracy, including media education, in democratic citizenship and human rights education.

Completed

- In September 2025, the Parliamentary Office and other democracy education actors published [a vision for democracy education in Finland](#).
- The Finnish Youth Research Society surveyed [democracy and human rights education practices in vocational education and training institutions](#) (in Finnish). The study showed that vocational institutions' personnel and management were ready to strengthen the development of democracy and human rights education.
- Finland participates in the [International Civic and Citizenship Education Study](#), whose results will be published in 2029.

Under way & planned

- The **national cooperation to develop democratic citizenship education** will be continued under the Parliamentary Office's democracy education network.
- A **national seminar** on democratic citizenship and human rights education will be held in the autumn of 2026.

POLICY GOAL 6: We improve the national quality and availability of good practices and teaching materials and methods for democratic citizenship and human rights education.

Completed

- During 2022–2023, **democratic citizenship and human rights education projects** were implemented, with **follow-up surveys** submitted to the participating municipalities and schools to study the project results and the effects of the development activities on permanent practices. The projects' final reports and follow-up data are used to develop democratic citizenship and human rights education.
- [A Nordic conference on media literacy and democracy education](#) was held in the autumn of 2025 as part of the Finnish and Ålandic Co-Presidency in the Nordic Council of Ministers.

Under way & planned

- An event to promote the visibility of **information about the Sámi people and their history** in learning materials is being planned, targeting learning material publishers.
- The [National Literacy Strategy](#) will support the development of literacy through several measures. The strategy emphasises the important role of libraries, the education providers' own projects to promote literacy and various forms of collaboration such as author visits.
- Activities to support **liberal adult education students' participation** in equity and non-discrimination efforts at educational institutions are ongoing, with models such as student panels being introduced. A webinar on the topic was held in May 2025, and a workshop is planned for the autumn of 2026. These activities are part of the [programme for equity and non-discrimination in education and training](#).

POLICY GOAL 7: We strengthen the democracy knowledge and competence of those participating in non-military service training, integration training, multilingual civic orientation and military training.

Completed

- The [curriculum of non-military service training](#) has been reviewed, and the curriculum includes democratic citizenship education themes. The Non-military Service Centre has signed the vision for democracy education in Finland prepared under the Parliamentary Office.
- Starting from 2025, municipalities and the employment authorities have provided integration clients with [multilingual civic orientation](#). The related learning materials for instructors have been compiled at [yhteiskuntaorientaatio.fi](#). The materials support the provision of multilingual civic orientation and offer information about living and working in Finland, as well as Finnish society and civic participation. The website also includes a teacher's guide to support instruction.
- The goals of the Democracy Programme can be considered to be included in the three-year curriculum of the **bachelor's degree in military science** and **officer studies**. The [curriculum of the bachelor's degree in military science](#) (in Finnish) was revised in the summer of 2025.

Under way & planned

- The guidance for **military training** is currently being developed to better meet the requirements of building military capabilities. However, the goal of the Democracy Programme is indirectly included in the basic principles of military national defence, military service, and the Finnish Defence Forces' training and management culture, whereby everyone must be treated equally, as individuals and without discrimination. The goal is also included in the ethical training provided as part of the 'soldier's mind training'.

4. We strengthen a culture of good discussion and exchange of opinions in society



POLICY GOAL 8: We improve multichannel access to participation, influence and dialogue, taking account of the different prerequisites for participation of different regions and population groups, in particular vulnerable children and young people and indigenous Sámi people. (1/2)

Completed

- The development and scaling of the [National Dialogues](#) model has continued. The spring 2026 theme was ‘Young People’s Tomorrow’, which encouraged parties working with children and young people to organise dialogues with them.
- The Advisory Boards for Ethnic Relations held [dialogues about racism experienced by children and young people](#) across Finland. Through these dialogues, several municipalities have committed to further measures.
- **Inclusive practices at public libraries** have been developed through a webinar promoting inclusion and democracy at libraries ([Osallisuutta ja demokratiaa kirjastoissa](#)). The Ministry of Education and Culture awarded the Sámi Library a **grant to maintain the Sámi-language library** in 2026.
- The Ministry of Social Affairs and Health’s **future-oriented project** (*Tulevaisuusvalta*) organised workshops and a digital survey in the spring of 2025. Among other goals, the project sought to understand how citizens could be consulted about future-related themes as part of a strategic process to strengthen equality, inclusion and social cohesion. The project results were used in the updating of the [strategy of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health Group](#).
- The **development and implementation** of the [Digiraati.fi](#) platform aimed at facilitating children and young people’s digital participation have been advanced in close collaboration between central government and organisations.

National Dialogues

National Dialogues are a Finnish democracy innovation that aims to enhance a constructive culture of discussion in Finland.

Dialogue organisers are provided with training and materials free of charge.

The number of participants is rising, but the purpose is to still accelerate the increase of participants. Currently, each round reaches around 1,200 participants aged between 3 and 90 from different parts of Finland.

The dialogue summaries are used by ministries in their preparation work.

Read more: kansallisetdialogit.fi



POLICY GOAL 8: We improve multichannel access to participation, influence and dialogue, taking account of the different prerequisites for participation of different regions and population groups, in particular vulnerable children and young people and indigenous Sámi people. (2/2)

Under way & planned

- The usability of the **Digiraati** platform will be further developed. The responsibility for maintaining the **Lausuntopalvelu** consultation service is being transferred from the Ministry of Justice to the Prime Minister's Office. A reform of the citizens' **initiative services** started in 2025.
- The **network for a constructive public debate** established under the [government action plan to combat racism and promote equality](#) has convened four times during 2025–2026. The network will continue its activities until the spring of 2027.
- The **anti-racism cooperation network** under the Prime Minister's Office aims to enhance multichannel participation, influence, and dialogue between population groups and central government. With its more than 100 members, the network's aims include monitoring and assessing the implementation and impact of the Government action plan to combat racism and promote equality.
- In 2026, the Ministry of Finance and the Deaconess Foundation are implementing a [project promoting foresight and multiple voices in democratic decision-making](#). The purpose is for organisations, municipalities, wellbeing services counties and other operators to systematically collect information about the future views of people in vulnerable positions using a method based on Foresight Studios.

POLICY GOAL 9: We support the development of deliberative democracy models and the introduction of dialogical methods in decision-making processes at different levels of government.

Completed

- The [Democracy theme group](#) coordinated by Sitra during 2021–2026 has examined the use of deliberative citizen panels in wellbeing services counties, and shared the lessons learned about various participation methods and their integration into decision-making.

Under way & planned

- The [project exploring the use of citizen panels in ministries](#) (2025–2026) has piloted **deliberative citizen panels for children and young people**. The [recommendations of a youth panel](#) (in Finnish) were delivered to the National Council for Crime Prevention in May 2026, and those of [a children's panel](#) (in Finnish) to the working group for the National Child Strategy in June 2026. The project also **assesses the feasibility of using citizen panels in ministries**.
- The summaries of **National Dialogues** are used by ministries in their preparation work, and they are regularly delivered to the meetings of permanent secretaries and the ministerial working group on reforming society. The use of recommendations and proposed measures created through the **dialogues between young people and decision-makers** coordinated by the Advisory Boards for Ethnic Relations is also being developed.
- The dialogues under the [Commission on Sustainable Development](#) are being prepared, and stakeholder-specific dialogues will be held in the autumn of 2026.
- The Ministry of Finance is examining the opportunities to promote the use of **deliberative citizen panels** in practical cases in wellbeing services counties.

5. We develop municipal government and ensure the realisation of grassroots democracy



POLICY GOAL 10: We monitor and promote the realisation of access to participation and influence of residents, service users and civil society organisations in the wellbeing services counties and municipalities.

Completed

- The [Democracy theme group](#) coordinated by Sitra during 2021–2026 has supported regional activities promoting democracy and inclusion through seminars.

Under way & planned

- The recommendations issued in [the parliamentary working group's assessment report](#) (in Finnish) concerning means of participation will be assessed by the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Justice, the Association of Finnish Cities and Municipalities, and the Hyvinvointialueyhtiö Hyvil company.
- In 2026, the [partial reform of the Municipalities Act](#) has reviewed the functionality of the Act, paying attention to the right of initiatives of influencing bodies.
- The Finnish Youth Research Society's project, [Young Local Citizens and the State of Democracy: Towards Equality and Real Impact](#) (2025–2028), explores and develops the reality and equity of young people's opportunities to influence in municipalities, extending the analysis to the interfaces with regional councils and wellbeing services counties.

POLICY GOAL 11: We support the perspective of democracy and participation as part of leadership and decision-making in local and regional government. (1/2)

Completed

- In February 2026, the Government issued [a resolution on public service leadership](#). It aims to strengthen the foundations of public service leadership, shared understanding and interactions.
- Results of the activities of the [Democracy theme group](#), coordinated by Sitra during 2021–2026, have included a participation template for wellbeing services counties and a proposal to include participation in their administrative regulations. The network has shared the lessons learned about various participation methods such as citizen panels and their integration into decision-making.

POLICY GOAL 11: We support the perspective of democracy and participation as part of leadership and decision-making in local and regional government. (2/2)

Under way & planned

- The Ministry of Finance's open government activities generate [data and tools to develop democratic encounters](#). The tools created based on pilots will be tested and further developed in the autumn of 2026.
- Cooperation and dialogue between ministries, municipalities and wellbeing services counties in relation to the **promotion of regional and local democracy and participation** will be continued through networking.
- The results of a [project on collaboration interfaces](#) (*yhdyspintaprojekti*) implemented by the Association of Finnish Cities and Municipalities in collaboration with ministries are being **integrated** into practices in wellbeing services counties and municipalities. In March 2026, the Ministry of Finance established a [cooperation group](#) to promote cooperation between municipalities, wellbeing services counties and the state.
- The [partial reform of the Municipalities Act](#) aims to clarify influencing bodies' right to make initiatives under the Municipalities Act.
- The recommendations issued in [the parliamentary working group's assessment report](#) (in Finnish) concerning the monitoring of initiative processing and initiative communications will be assessed by the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Justice, the Association of Finnish Cities and Municipalities, and the Hyvinvointialueyhtiö Hyvil company.

6. We develop national democracy policy



POLICY GOAL 12: We continue the systematic development of democracy policy based on an understanding of democracy in which fundamental and human rights, freedom of expression, the rule of law, good governance, citizens' participation, an autonomous civil society, and eradication of corruption are seen as important and interdependent elements of democracy.

Completed

- The updated [Media Literacy Education Policy in Finland](#) was published in May 2026. In the policy, media education is understood as a key part of comprehensive security, strengthening democracy, and building trust and hope in society. The Finnish Arts and Culture Agency will prepare an implementation plan for the policy during 2026.
- The results of [research activities supporting the Government's decision-making](#) (formerly VN TEAS, currently VN TUTKIVA) and **other research projects have been considered in the national work for democracy.**

Under way & planned

- Central government maintains regular contact with research projects funded under the Strategic Research Council's [Democracy for the Future \(DEMOC\) programme](#), and the progress of the projects is monitored by the Democracy Programme working group coordinated by the Ministry of Justice.

POLICY GOAL 13: We strengthen the effectiveness evaluation, monitoring and transparency of national democracy policy and democracy promotion measures.

Under way & planned

- To monitor the state of democracy in Finland, the [Ministry of Justice website](#) compiles **indicators describing the development of democracy and related phenomena**. The indicators are updated regularly.
- A cross-administrative working group appointed by the Ministry of Education and Culture compiled a [final report with 36 recommendations](#) to **strengthen young people's faith in the future**. The final report (in Finnish) includes policy recommendations for various administrative sectors, as well as applicable support measures for communications planning.
- Finland intends to implement an **evaluation of the state of Finnish democracy** in collaboration with the Council of Europe. This evaluation is to comprise a project for piloting the [Council of Europe's parameters for implementing democracy](#), which were adopted by its Committee of Ministers in May 2026.
- The **implementation of the national Democracy Programme** can be monitored on the [Ministry of Justice website](#) and through a newsletter sent to stakeholders. The implementation is also discussed in various stakeholder networks such as the [Open Democracy Network](#) coordinated by the Ministry of Finance.

7. We promote democracy in the European Union and internationally



POLICY GOAL 14: We promote democracy and the realisation of human rights in the European Union and internationally and in this way also strengthen security, stability and resilience. (1/4)

Completed

- In January 2026, the Government submitted to Parliament a [Europe communication on the European Commission's communications regarding the European Democracy Shield and the EU Strategy for Civil Society](#).
- The Ministry of Justice piloted International IDEA's [Integrated Framework for Protecting Elections](#), which was published for Europe in Brussels in February 2026.
- Finland has participated in the [Team Europe Democracy Initiative](#) steering group, the network for political and civic participation, and the implementation of reports and events created under the initiative.
- The [Nordic Democracy Forum 2025](#) was held in November 2025 as part of the Finnish Presidency in the Nordic Council of Ministers and in collaboration with the Nordic Safe Cities network, the City of Helsinki and Sitra.
- Finland has actively influenced the objectives of the citizens, equality, rights and values (CERV) strand of the coming [AgoraEU funding programme](#) (2028–2034) at EU negotiations.

POLICY GOAL 14: We promote democracy and the realisation of human rights in the European Union and internationally and in this way also strengthen security, stability and resilience. (2/4)

Completed

- In March 2026, the Ministry of Justice published an [evaluation of civil society organisations' capabilities to apply for funding granted under EU funding programmes](#) (Motiva, in Finnish). Motiva also assessed the organisations' service needs and recommended developing the available funding alongside expanding co-financing.
- In 2025, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs awarded the **International IDEA** a general grant as part of Finland's international promotion of democracy.
- In the autumn of 2024, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs [opened a call to expand Finnish civil society organisations' international funding opportunities](#), and eight projects were granted funding through the call in early 2025. In December 2025, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs made a decision to award EUR 311 million to [the Finnish CSOs' multiannual development cooperation and humanitarian programmes](#) for 2026–2029.
- In 2026, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs awarded a two-year grant through its **democracy and rule-of-law support instrument** to Demo Finland and the Rule of Law Centre at the University of Helsinki. Ministry experts have participated in the Rule of Law Centre's democracy and rule-of-law projects.

POLICY GOAL 14: We promote democracy and the realisation of human rights in the European Union and internationally and in this way also strengthen security, stability and resilience. (3/4)

Completed

- Finland has participated in the update of the [International IDEA](#)'s strategy and in discussions on the funding base of the [Community of Democracies](#) as part of its administrative council.
- In 2025, Finland was the chair of the [Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe](#). The overarching theme of Finland's Chairpersonship was resilience, which included democratic resilience.
- In the spring of 2026, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs published the results of the [Evaluation of Finnish Support for Democracy, Rule of Law and Human Rights](#) in 2014–2024.
- Finland has supported the [development of democracy and rule of law in Ukraine as part of its country programme](#). In 2026, support has been extended for the development of Ukrainian democracy and rule of law through the Council of Europe, the Rule of Law Centre at the University of Helsinki, and International IDEA.
- In 2005, the Ministry of Justice signed a **Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine**. This Memorandum of Understanding has been made more concrete with a cooperation programme for 2025–2027. Furthermore, the Ministry of Justice signed a **Memorandum of Understanding with the Ukrainian central election authority** to support Ukraine in developing its election laws and in the practical arrangement of elections.

European Democracy Shield and the EU Strategy for Civil Society

The European Commission highlights the importance of an open civil society for democracy.

The European Democracy Shield includes tangible measures to protect and promote strong and resilient democracy in the EU.

The EU Strategy for Civil Society protects and supports civil society organisations and promotes partnerships with them.

Read more: [Communication from the Commission on the Democracy Shield and the Strategy for Civil Society](#)



POLICY GOAL 14: We promote democracy and the realisation of human rights in the European Union and internationally and in this way also strengthen security, stability and resilience. (4/4)

Under way & planned

- Finland is an active participant in the **Council of Europe's promotion of democracy**, including the creation of the [Democratic Pact for Europe](#) and the development of [parameters for implementing democracy](#). In the autumn of 2025, Finland hosted the first roundtable of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on the [Democratic Pact for Europe](#).
- Finland and Latvia co-lead the **Friends of National Dialogues (FOND)**, a network with participants interested in Finnish democratic innovation.
- Finland is an active participant in the [OECD's Trust and Democracy](#) efforts, highlighting Finland's good practices on the development of democratic and civil society policy. The next OECD trust comparison is under way, and its results on Finland will be published in the summer of 2026.
- The Ministry of Justice acts as the national contact point for the CERV funding programme, providing programme-related independent guidance, practical information and assistance to applicants, stakeholders and recipients of support.

POLICY GOAL 15: We step up the coordination of Finland's international democracy work and the monitoring of the implementation of international democracy recommendations at the national level.

Completed

- In the spring of 2025, the stakeholder democracy group, coordinated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, gathered to discuss the state of democracy in the OSCE and Finland's chairpersonship of the organisation.

Under way & planned

- An internal survey is under way at the government ministries on the **exchange of information and structures of international democracy work**. This survey is intended to form a foundation for a review of the recommendations passed down by the European Union and international organisations on democratic development at the national level.
- The [working group for the Democracy Programme](#), coordinated by the Ministry of Justice, meets regularly. This working group monitors and coordinates the implementation of the Democracy Programme in 2025–2027.

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