

General policy overview and the railway reform

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Transformation in the transport and communications sector

Digitalisation

Technological
development

Decreasing
emissions

The Transport Code

SERVICES

MaaS operators, apps, platforms, etc.

Better and more agile services

DATA

Enabling digital services:
APIs, open data, MyData

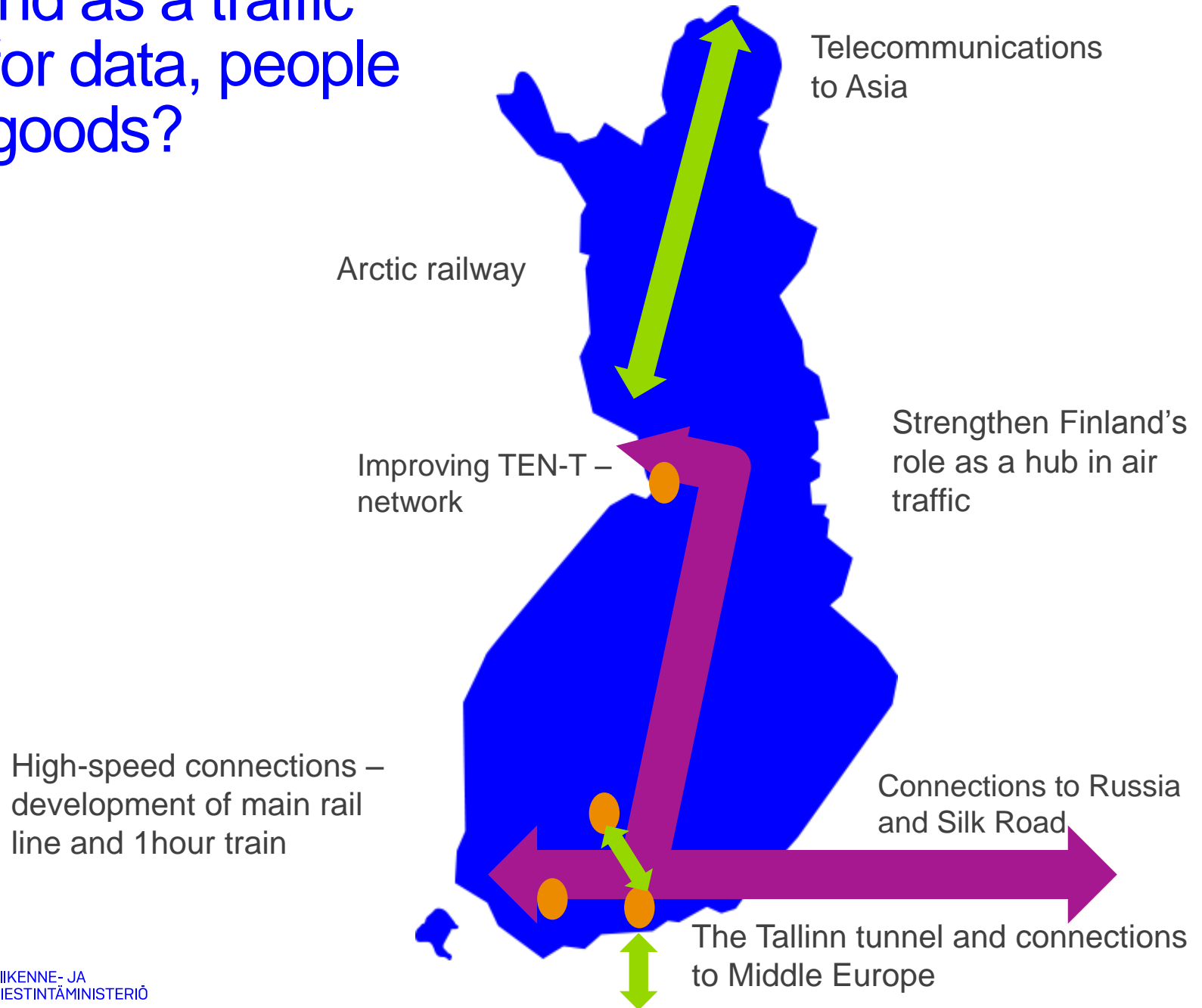
Data utilisation and regulation

Deregulation and market access

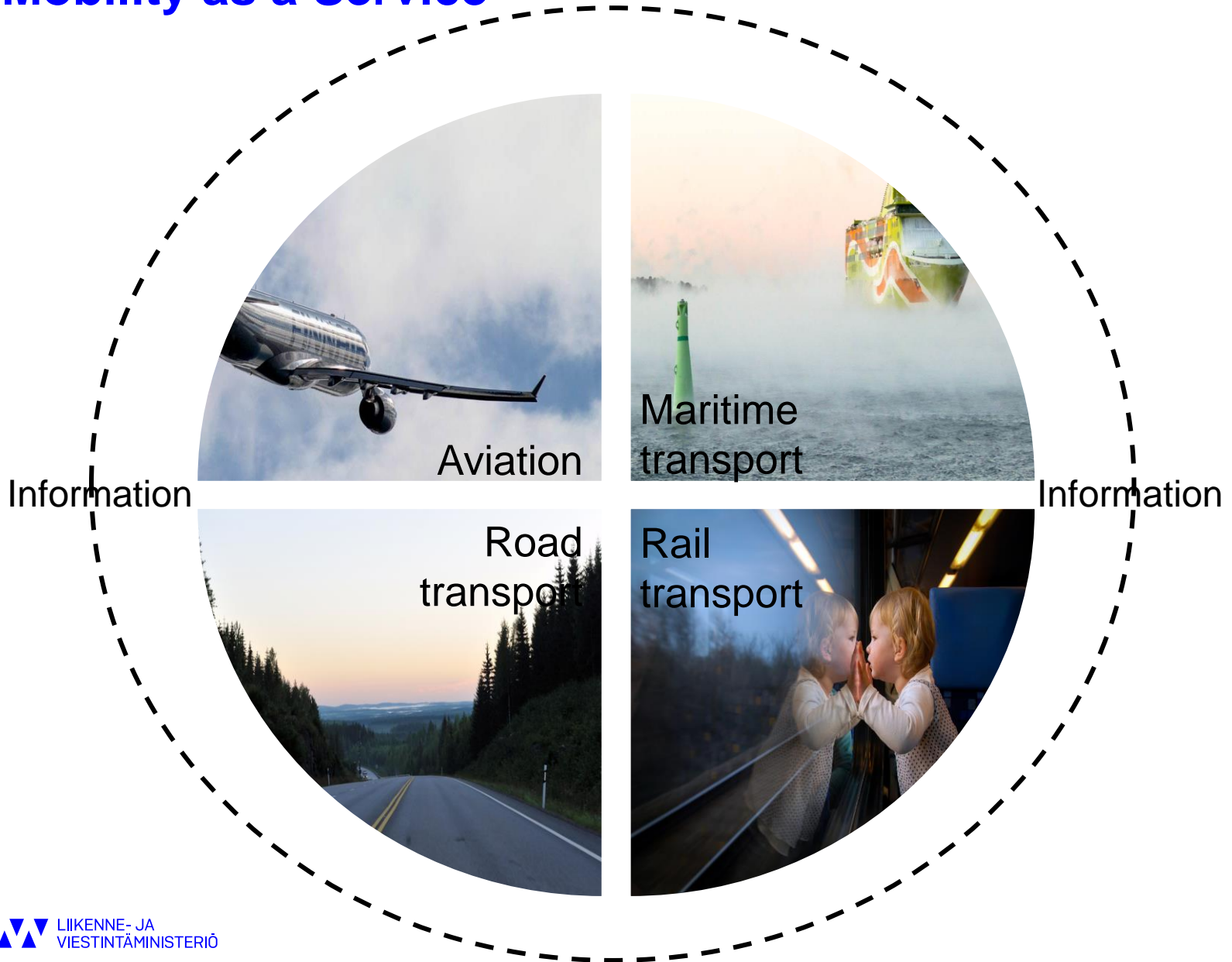


Transport and communications networks

Finland as a traffic hub for data, people and goods?



Aim to develop the entire transport system – Mobility as a Service



Objectives of the railway reform

- Increase and diversify the supply of passenger and freight transport services
- Promote fare competition and reduce transport costs in freight transport
- Increase the attractiveness of rail transport vis-à-vis private motoring – reduce emissions
- Increase the share of rail transport within passenger transport
- Enhance the mobility of workers by extending commuting areas
- Improve the efficiency of service provision – more transport services in return for public support, transparent use of taxpayers' money
- Promote employment in the railway sector
- Create favourable conditions for economic growth

Government's railway reform: key decisions

- Passenger rail services will be opened to competition in stages, and the comprehensive availability of these services across Finland will be secured under concession contracts
- The tendering processes will be organised in stages based on open and transparent criteria, with the objective of having all concession contracts in place and the services subject to these contractual arrangements up and running by June 2026.
- In order to create a level playing field with neutral terms in the rail transport market, three different state-owned companies will be separated from VR Group: a rolling stock company, a maintenance company and a real estate company
- The concession contract on an exclusive right to provide passenger rail services between the Ministry and VR Group will be re-negotiated
- The level of passenger rail transport services will be safeguarded and all rail operators will have equal opportunities to provide such services

