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Aims of WP 1

1. Information basis
2. A tool for comparative analysis of spatial planning and development in the BSR
3. Not directly harmonisation of spatial planning, but improves the possibilities of cooperation between the 11 BSR countries

Finnish Specificities in Planning

Planning levels and acting bodies in the statutory land use planning system

- Hierarchical system; the regional land use plan, local master plan, local detailed plan
- National land use guidelines

		Approval & ratification	Executive	Judiciary
Local government	Municipality	Municipal council	Municipal administration	Administrative Court (Supreme Administrative Court)
	Region	Regional Council (Ministry of Environment)	Regional Council Administration	Ministry of Environment (Supreme Administrative Court)
The State	State	Ministry of Environment (Council of State)	Ministry of Environment administration	Supreme Administrative Court

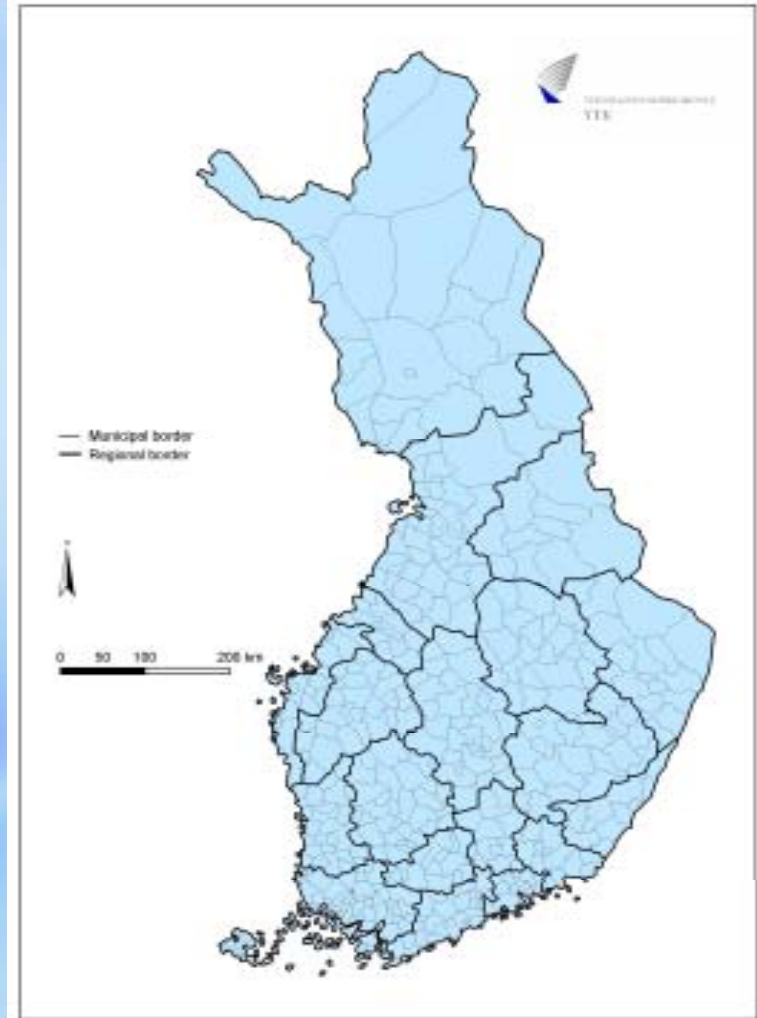
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Finnish Specificities in Planning

Wide municipal autonomy

432 municipalities with
extensive self-government

Municipal administration
under construction



Finnish Specificities in Planning

1. Urbanisation pattern differs from most other European countries
2. Late and very rapid urbanisation in 1960s
3. Nature urbanisation, forest urbanisation
4. Large amount of second homes



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Detailed shore plan

1. Only landowner-led plan in Finnish system
2. Lot of shoreline, 314 000 km in total, of which 68% is lake shores
3. 46 % of the Finns over the age of 15 have a summer cottage in their use



Core Terms

1. What are the core planning terms?
2. Example: Everyman's right in the Nordisc countries, right to public access
3. Marginal issue? Reflects the historical development of the society, private public relations and regulates the nature-urban relations

Missing planning innovations

1. Conceptual thinking in the project is based on legally binding land use planning, other, sociocultural and political aspects are missing
2. Citizen participation was required in the Land Use and Building Act in 2000
3. Cultural Planning in Arabianranta ...

Commin is a Learning Process

1. Learning of and understanding different planning systems
2. Social impacts of the project: BSR is a Terra Cognita
3. The importance of networking and sharing information

Conclusion

More countries should be included in the COMMIN network !