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# The Finnish Child Strategy

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# National child strategy

- Finland got its first national child strategy 2021.
  - The strategy was prepared with parliamentary committee at 2020
  - The committee represented all parliamentary parties.
- The national child strategy helps to make our child and family policies more coherent with the rights of the child and their full implementation in Finland.

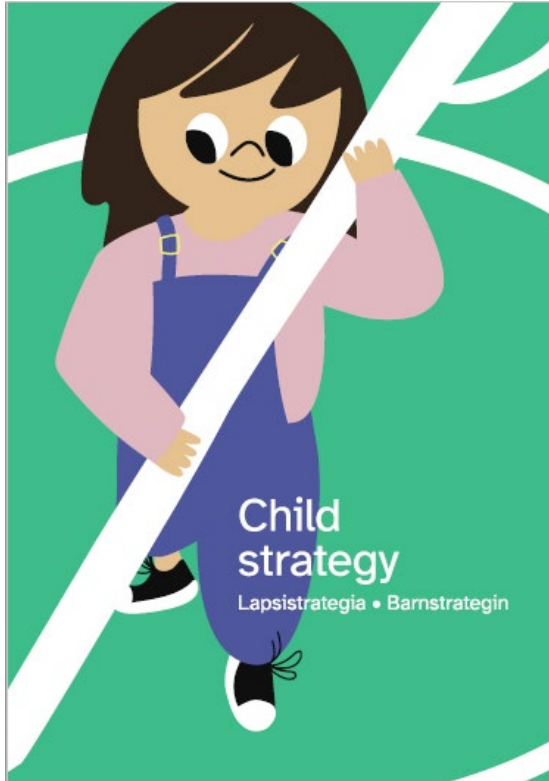
# The National Strategy

- The child strategy covers long-term goals and broad policies to achieve a "Finland for all children"
- The national strategy **shares its goals** with the EU Strategy on the Rights of the Child and the European Child Guarantee.
- For example, it focus on child participation, child impact assessment, child budgeting and equality of children.

# Three key ideas

- The strategy will create a genuinely child and family friendly Finland where the rights of the child are respected.
- Children's rights and status will be mainstreamed, ensuring that children are consistently taken into consideration in all policies and activities alongside with other members of society and that they are informed of their rights.
- The status of children in a vulnerable position will be secured, and their needs will be recognised better.

# National Child Strategy



- We have more information in English in our website.
- The strategy is available in several languages at

<http://www.lapsistrategia.fi/>



# National Child Strategy's Implementation Plan

- The resolution on the implementation plan was adopted at the government plenary session on October 2021.
- The plan takes into account the ongoing measures and projects that promote the policy guidelines of the Strategy
  - The plan sets out 30 measures

# Child participation

- Children's participation is a **cross-cutting theme** in the work on the Child Strategy
- Participation's strengthening is based on **international human rights obligations**, and national legislation strives to ensure that participation is realized in the daily lives of children and young people.

# Child participation in the context of the National Child Strategy

- The objective of the child Strategy is
  - to strengthen children's participation
  - create ways to strengthen the participation of diverse children in society.
- The Child Strategy will also strengthen adults' understanding of the participation of children.
- The aim is to create a key value for children's participation in societal debate and decision-making.



# Child participation work in the National Child Strategy



- Children were participated in the preparation of the Child Strategy and its implementation plan through an electronic survey and workshops.
- Child Strategy has participated children in law drafting

**Thank you!**

**Any questions?**