



**The Finns Party  
The Finnish Parliament Elections of 2015**

## **The Main Concerns**

### **1. Public finances: putting them on a sustainable basis**

The next Finnish government is going to have to continue to find bridging solutions for the sustainability gap in the public sector. The necessary changes must start with cutting support for immigration and foreign aid of the 'make a better world' type programs. Just slashing back is not, however, a solution - the economy and employment must see significant growth as well.

- Management and restriction of indebtedness
- Fairer and more reasonable taxation
- Tax-free income of 1000 Euros per month
- Removal of the tax on passenger cars
- The implementation of the Finns Party's voluntary foreign aid program

### **2. The defence and security of the homeland must not be compromised**

The crisis in Ukraine has demonstrated that security situations can change quickly and dramatically in the present world. It is most important, therefore, that Finland must have a strong and credible defence that is capable of guaranteeing the country's security in all circumstances.

- The defence budget must be adequate. The present Parliamentary working group's suggestion should be considered only as a minimum.
- An objective study of NATO membership can be made - giving both pros and cons
- Finland should re-instate its right to use anti-personnel mines
- Internal security should be strengthened and assured

### **3. Concern for Finns and being Finnish**

One million Finns now live on at the poverty line or below. That level of low income affects a person's entire life and life's choices. Arbitrary austerity measures must cease and we must not repeat the errors at the time of the recession of the 90's. We must

care for the Finnish population - we are not here to be some kind of social and health centre for the world.

- Comprehensive and sustainable family policy
- Just system of social security
- Provision of equitable services for all Finns
- Total reconditioning and reworking of emergency services
- Recognition that family caregivers for the elderly and pensioners should receive much more support

#### **4. Competitiveness and priority for entrepreneurs**

The vigorous and active nature of the private sector has been the foundation of our general welfare. Previous governments of the 2000's have destroyed Finland's competitiveness. The cornerstone of economic and employment growth in recent years has been the small and mid-size business network. We must increasingly acknowledge this situation - and do more to back the start up and growth of smaller scale dynamics.

- Competitiveness: an overhaul needed
- Change of course for the energy and climate policy
- Small and mid-size enterprises: a new respect
- Support of entrepreneurs by adopting important aspects of the Estonian tax incentive and raising the limit for VAT taxation.
- Decreasing 'green taxes' that diminish competitiveness

#### **5. Saying stop to bullying**

In Finnish society, bullying is not limited to schools and workplaces. In too many cases the bullies are authorities that treat people unfairly - often sending them from one unhelpful and unsuccessful 'service window' to another. Bullying can also be seen from trivial, unnecessary regulations - these must be revoked - this could start with removing the regulation regarding wastewater in sparsely-populated areas.

- Assurance that bureaucracy does not impede investment and development
- Examination and improvement of the 'insurance-physician' system
- Recognition of a child's right to have a father and a mother
- Zero toleration of school bullying
- Termination of detrimental EU-bureaucracy