

# Teknologiateollisuus

### **Policy-making 'front' and 'back' stage: Case Finnish Land Use and Building Act**

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#### **OUTLINE**

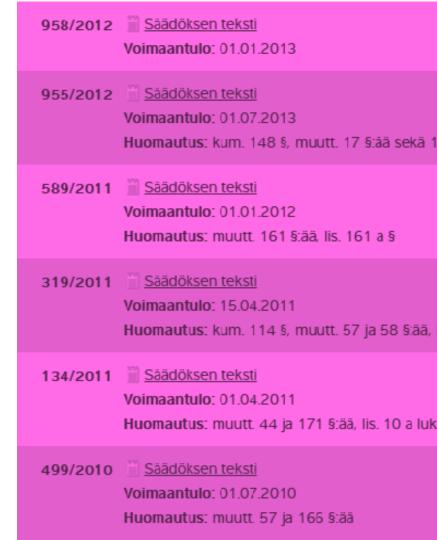
- Land Use and Building Act now
- Revising the Act Front stage
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- Revising the Act Back stage
- Conclusions

#### Land Use and Building Act (132/1999)

- The **objective** is to ensure that the use of land and water areas and building activities on them create preconditions for a favourable living environment and promote **ecologically, economically, socially and culturally sustainable development**.
- The Act also **aims to** ensure that **everyone has the right to participate** in the preparation process, and that planning is high quality and interactive, that expertise is comprehensive and that there is open provision of information on matters being processed.
- **Substantive technical requirements** concern strength and stability of structures, fire safety, health, user safety, accessibility, noise abatement and noise conditions and energy efficiency. Further provisions and guidelines concerning building are issued in the respective **Building Decrees**.
- https://www.finlex.fi/en/laki/kaannokset/1999/en19990132.pdf

Background

- Land Use and Building Act has been amended 47 times since it came into force 1.1.2000
- About 70 % of the original, added and modified 300 sections have been amended.
- Several separate changes have produced fragmented and uncoherent Act.



Background

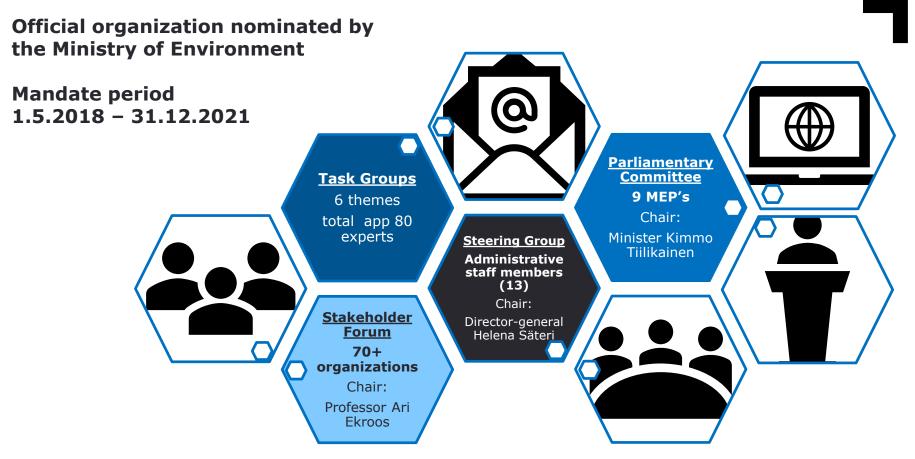
## **Objectives**

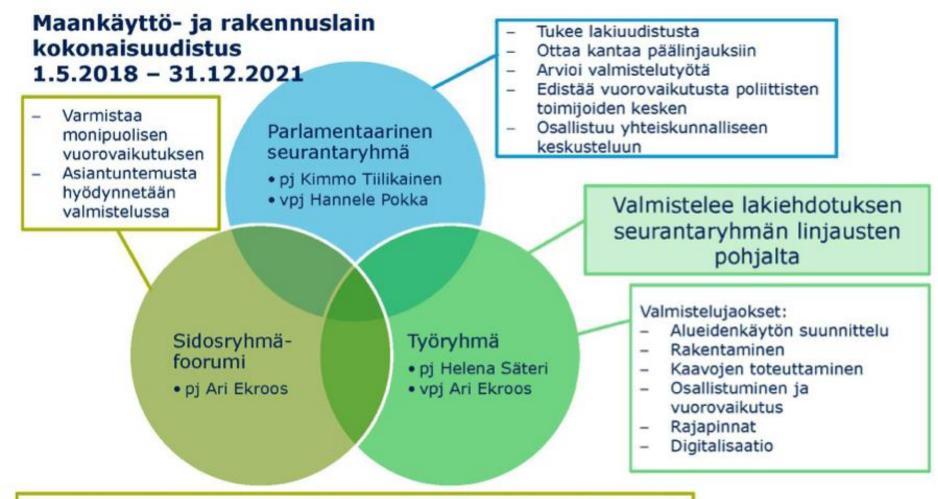
Total reform of the Act

#### New and updated content for

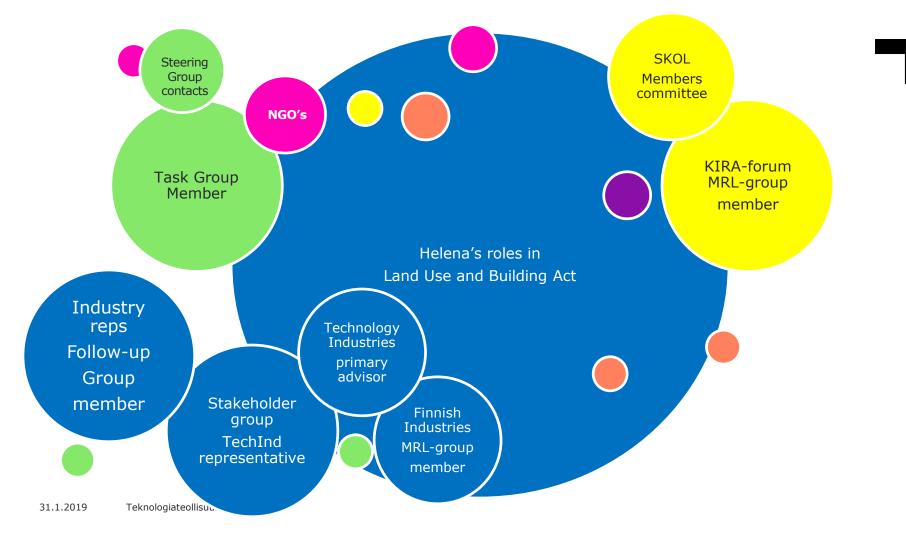
- -Climate change mitigation and adaptation
- Energy efficiency, adaptive energy consumption and smart grids
- -Urbanization and diversification of areas
- -New mobility
- -Digitalization
- -Regional government reform
- -EU legislation







Kutsuseminaareja, työpajoja, sähköisiä kanavia ja yhteiskehittämistä



## Conclusion

Major reform with variety of interests puts extra pressure on process:

#### Strenghts

- → Parliamentary Committee is a MUST
- → Stakeholders are engaged
- $\rightarrow$  Enough time + mandate which arches over parliamentary elections

#### Weaknesses

- $\rightarrow$  Conflicting interests = consensus is hard to reach
- $\rightarrow$  Lack of transparency = lack of trust
- Lots of details that only a few (admin) experts can fully understand = meritocracy

## Thank you!

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