

Joint Strategy for the Ministry of the Interior's Administrative Branch



Finland: the safest country in the world

The Ministry of the Interior has updated its first Joint Strategy for the Ministry's Administrative Branch, which was completed in August 2019. The Joint Strategy is aimed at guiding our activities over several government terms on a long-term basis and at clarifying the role of the Ministry of the Interior's branch of government in maintaining internal security, which is the responsibility of many different parties.

The Joint Strategy for the Ministry's Administrative Branch is phenomenon-based, which means it takes a multidisciplinary approach. Although the earlier strategy was still largely in line with the state of the operating environment and future challenges, the protracted COVID-19 pandemic and the 2021 updates to the Government's security reports meant that the 2019 strategy needed to be reformed. In addition to these, we wanted to highlight the sustainable development goals set out in the Government Programme more clearly in the new Strategy. It was also necessary to specify and update the objectives set for migration.

Furthermore, in connection with the update, we could strengthen the perspectives of internationalisation, fundamental rights, equality and human-centredness as well as their significance to internal security and people's sense of safety and security.

We will begin implementing the updated Joint Strategy in January 2022 as part of the performance guidance process of the administrative branch. Alongside the internal implementation work within the administrative branch, we have set up a support network consisting of parties outside the administrative branch for the first time. Its objective is to use a cross-administrative approach to support strategy work and the achievement of the objectives of the Ministry of the Interior's branch of government, and to improve cooperation with the Ministry's partners.

Security authorities are of crucial importance to internal security in the event of crimes, accidents and incidents. The work of authorities ensures that people can count

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on the help of society in the face of these threats. Security authorities also play an important role in preventing threats. The Joint Strategy for the Ministry's Administrative Branch and, above all, the professional and committed personnel implementing it will ensure, for their part, that the services of the security authorities and migration administration are produced in Finland in such a way that people get the help they need across the country quickly, efficiently and equally.

I wish to thank all those who participated in updating this Strategy. Despite these exceptional times with the coronavirus pandemic, our personnel and cooperation partners took an active part in the preparation, which is an indication of the importance of internal security and migration both in Finland and globally in 2022.

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1. Ensuring the sense of safety and security is high among all population groups

- We maintain a high level of trust in the authorities and strengthen it among people who lack confidence in them.
- We are more visible and accessible, both physically and virtually, also in areas with a lower level of service.
- We communicate openly, in a timely and accessible manner, and participate actively in public debate.

2. Keeping people, the environment and property safe

- We anticipate and prevent security threats through extensive cooperation and boost the capacity of people to respond to accidents and incidents.
- We prevent the build-up of security problems among the same people, groups or areas.
- We have well-functioning emergency services and assistance is quickly available.
- We prevent, detect and investigate crimes effectively and successfully.
- We reduce our carbon footprint to combat climate change and take active measures to prepare for and adapt to climate change.

3. Countering threats to national security and serious incidents

- We detect and combat threats to national security in a timely manner.
- We develop broad-based cooperation to counter threats.
- We prepare nationwide for incidents and emergencies.
- We ensure the security and inviolability of our national borders.
- We coordinate our civil emergency preparedness.

4. Building a sustainable Finland through migration

- We promote the vitality of society through our migration policy.
- We have well-functioning, fair and individual migration administration services that meet the needs of society and customers.
- We promote good relations between population groups and reduce polarisation with an open, inclusive and proactive migration policy.
- We prevent the exploitation of and trafficking in people without a right of stay and the emergence of a parallel society associated with them.

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**Strategic
objectives**

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Active EU and international actions and cooperation

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- We contribute more strongly to preventing terrorism, international crime and uncontrolled migration through EU and international actions.
- We enable experts from the Ministry of the Interior's branch of government to be deployed to a broad range of EU and international missions.
- We support national arrangements and capabilities more effectively through international actions in the administrative branch.
- We improve our ability to provide and receive international assistance.
- We make more effective use of EU funding to develop the capabilities of the authorities in the Ministry's branch of government.

Skilled and committed staff

who thrive in their work enable the implementation of this Strategy

- We are a responsible employer and manage our staff inclusively and responsibly.
- We make sure that we have enough staff to implement our Strategy.
- We develop our expertise on the basis of strategy, with an eye on the future, and support staff mobility.
- We support the development of diverse ways of working and multi-local work.
- We provide healthy workspaces and modern equipment for our staff and take into use the opportunities offered by technology.
- We promote diversity of staff.

We all have the right to feel safe
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