

Finland



- **Location:** northern Europe, between Sweden and Russia
- **Surface area:** 338 145 km
- **Population:** 5 231 372 (July 2006)
- **Nationality:** *noun:* Finn(s)
adjective: Finnish
- **Languages:** Finnish 92 % (official), Swedish 5,6 % (official), other 2,4 % (2003)
- **Ethnic groups:** Finns 93,4 %, Swedes 5,7 %, Russians 0,4 %, Estonians 0,2 %, Roma 0,2 %, Lapps 0,1 %
- **Religions:** Lutheran National Church 84.2 %, Greek Orthodox in Finland 1.1 %, other Christian 1.1 %, other 0.1 %, none 13.5 %

- Type of government: republic
- Independence day: 6.12
- Became independent: 1917 (from Russia)
- Capital city: Helsinki (in Swedish Helsingfors)
- President: Tarja Halonen (2000 – 2012)
- Other information:
 - Driving license: at 18, suffrage at 18
 - Member of the EU since 1995.
 - Finland started using the Euro on January 1st 2002.