

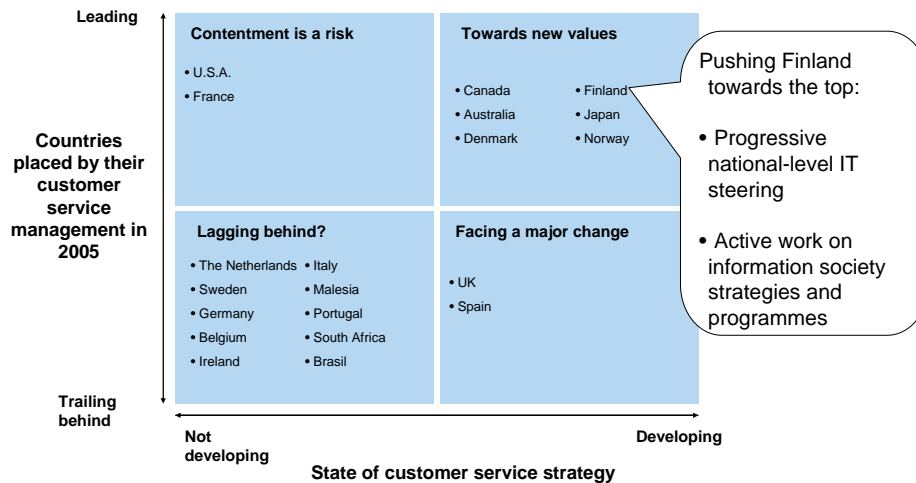


## BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT'S INFORMATION SOCIETY PROGRAMME

- One of the four horizontal policy programmes of the Finnish Government
- Current programme adopted by the Government 25.9.2003, revised annually, ending spring 2007
- Headed by PM Matti Vanhanen and 5-member ministerial group
- Work of the programme is followed and supported by the Prime minister headed Information Society Council (different stakeholders involved)

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## Finland is still clearly a reform leader



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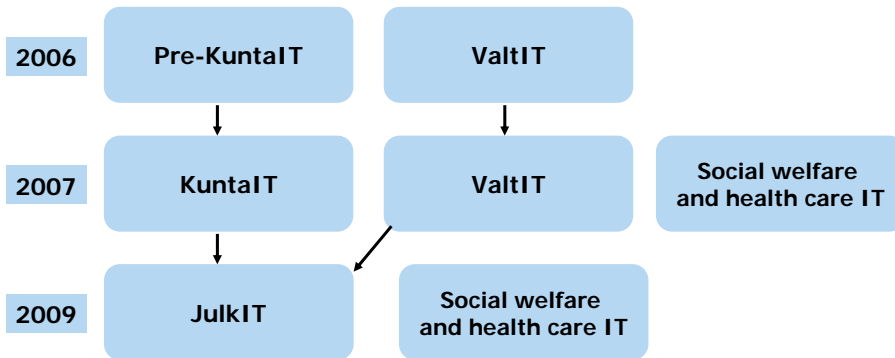
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## SOME EXAMPLES OF THE PROJECTS OF THE PROGRAMME

- Implementation of the broadband strategy so that fast, reasonably priced communications links are available to all citizens in 2005 (Ministry of Transport and Communications)
- Reforming central government's IT management towards a centralised steering and production of IT services (ValtIT project) (Ministry of Finance) → Honka
- Developing the interoperability of information management in local government and establishing a new steering organization (KuntaIT unit) (Ministry of the Interior, Prime Minister's Office)
- An information campaign promoting general awareness of electronic services and making them more attractive in collaboration with ministries, agencies, businesses and local authorities (Prime Minister's Office)
- Information society co-operation between large cities (Prime Minister's Office)
- Raising the level of public sector funding for research and development and putting it on a stronger basis (Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ministry of Education)
- National EPR archive and new national organization for eHealth (Ministry of Social Affairs and Health) → Itkonen
- National platform for eIdentification and ePayment (Several ministries) → Nenonen

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## Towards JulkIT = Public Sector's IT Management Unit



KuntaIT = Unit for local authorities' IT coordination, Ministry of Interior  
ValtIT = State IT Management Unit, Ministry of Finance  
Social welfare and health care IT = Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Social Insurance Institute

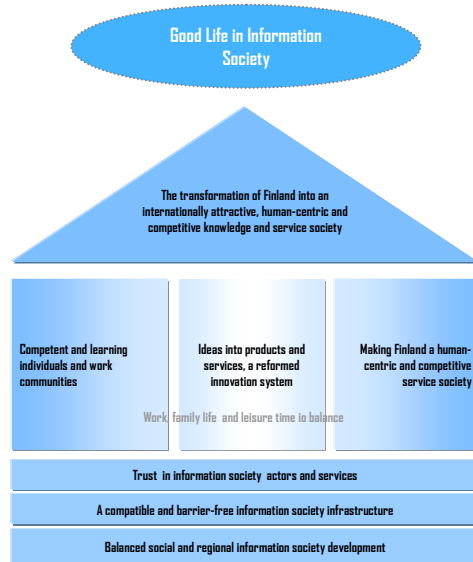
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## AIMS OF THE NEW NATIONAL INFORMATION SOCIETY STRATEGY

- RENEWING, HUMAN-CENTRIC AND COMPETITIVE FINLAND 2007 - 2015
- create a nation-wide vision for the IS development
- describe changes in the national and international operating environment
- define the strategic sectors and priorities in the development of an information society
- provide ground for the future development of the Finnish (information) society
- contribute to the preparation of the next Cabinet's Government Programme (spring 2007)

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## VISION AND MAIN SECTORS FOR 2015



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## Strategic guidelines – main projects for 2007 - 2011

1. Initiation of a policy programme for reforming public sector service structures
2. Increasing connection speeds for information networks and ensuring the interoperability of the information society infrastructure
3. Ensuring the prerequisites for lifelong learning
4. Reforming the rules for working life and developing leadership and supervisory work
5. Reforming the innovation system
6. Further development of the copyright system
7. Promotion of digitalisation of business in SME's
8. Influencing internationally, especially at the EU level, and close cooperation with Asian countries and neighbouring regions

72 proposed actions and projects

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## Three (3) main obstacles slowing Europe's competitiveness down

- Obstacle 1: Industrial society structures still used in information society era
- Obstacle 2: EU countries are in different phases of development
- Obstacle 3: Linguistical (digital) divide

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## Three (3) concrete measures to boost Europe's competitiveness

- Measure 1: Renewing of European Innovation System (e.g. European Network of Living Labs)
- Measure 2: Standardization and interoperalization of European eHealth systems
- Measure 3: Implementation of European wide compatible eInvoicing system

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## THANK YOU

Only in co-operation we can create a renewing,  
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