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# Air Navigation Services and Airspace

Traficom is in charge of the structuring of the Finnish airspace and takes care of the approvals and permissions related to airspace, such as establishing temporary restricted areas and permissions for flying in a prohibited area. In addition, Traficom oversees air navigation service operations in Finland by carrying out safety regulatory audits and inspections to organizations providing air navigation services.

As a National Supervisory Authority (NSA), Traficom conducts audits to organizations
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providing air navigation services (ANS). These audits are conducted before issuing a
certificate to ANS organization, and to monitor compliance continuously. Traficom also
carries out inspections related to management of changes, requests for safety
clarifications and takes part in the safety forums of ANS providers.

Traficom deals with

- Approvals of the implementation of air navigation service systems and equipment
- Approvals of the implementation of air traffic service procedures
- Approvals of the training organizations of air navigation services.

## **Airspace**



The use of airspace and related decision-making are part of a state's national sovereignty. High Level Airspace Policy Body (HLB), set up by the Finnish government, is responsible for the airspace management policy in Finland.

In accordance with a framework agreement signed by the Ministry of Transport and Communications and the Ministry of Defence on 10 December 2010, Traficom and the Finnish Military Aviation Authority shall agree in more detail on the implementation of

### International cooperation



In the field of air navigation services, the main international task for Traficom is to participate in rulemaking and implementation of the EU Single European Sky. It comprises of extensive legislation that covers, inter alia, air navigation services provision, airspace usage and management of air navigation system. One notable project is the obligation of EU member states to create so-called functional airspace blocks that would expand the collaboration of air navigation and airspace management over national borders.

Traficom is cooperating with European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) and Eurocontrol. In addition, Traficom is in close collaboration with European and Nordic aviation authorities.

# Certified organisations in Finland



The following Air Navigation Service providers hold a certificate issued by the competent authority:

Fintraffic Air Navigation Services Ltd.

# News

### 13 June 2023

Airspace users consultation meeting for initial 2024 unit rates and actual 2022 costs (https://www.traficom.fi/en/airspace-users-consultation-2023)

#### 23 November 2021

Finnish Transport and Communications Agency Traficom has updated revised draft performance plan for air navigation services for reference period 3. This performance plan has been adopted by the Ministry of Transport and Communications and has been sent to the EU Commission for assessment.

Finland's final adopted performance plan for reference period 2020-2024 (RP3)

Finnish Transport and Communications Agency Traficom, acting as the National Supervisory Authority in Finland, has published the Final Performance Plan for air navigation services for the Reference Period 2020-2024 (RP3).

# **National Airspace Policy**

#### **PUBLICATION**



In April 2012, the Finnish Government submitted a transport policy report to Finnish Parliament. In the report, transport policy is examined in the vvider context of public policy. A key objective of transport policy is to ensure and support Finland's competitiveness and sustainable economic grovvth, citizens' vvell-being and the smooth functioning of everyday life by ensuring good transport connections. The report emphasises the principles of customer orientation, accessibility, vvell-functioning Systems, efficiency and ali operators' shared responsibility for safety, Security and environment.

Air transport supports Finland's economic growth and development opportunities as well as competitiveness. Therefore, public authorities and the aviation Industry develop the sector in close collaboration by making long-term plans and improving the operating environment in a sustainable and growth-oriented manner. The needs of passengers and other customers are key considerations in this work.

In airspace and air traffic management, the needs of Civil and military aviation and national defence are taken into account. When implementing this policy, the

requests to ANS Finland for finalization as one airspace package. ANS Finland
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coordinated airspace changes with other airspace users and submitted the proposal to
Traffi for approval. Traffi heard stakeholders during an extensive consultation and made
the decision on 23 November 2018.

### **Attachments:**

Airspace changes 25.4.2019, Appendix I (pdf, 10,25 MB)

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