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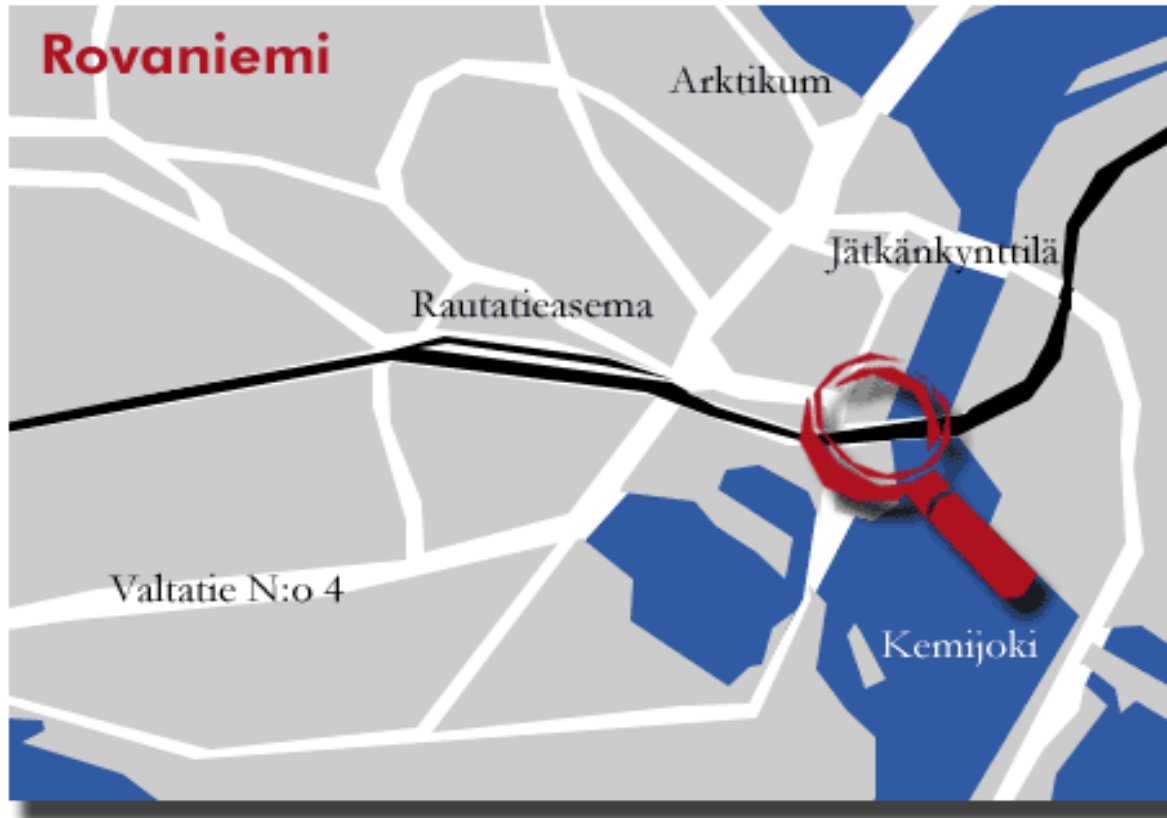


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## Lapland - operational environment

- 3,5 % of the population in Finland (about 183 900)
- 29, 3 % of the whole area of Finland
- About 3 000 Sámi people
- Sparsely populated area and long distances
- 21 counties and 6 regional areas



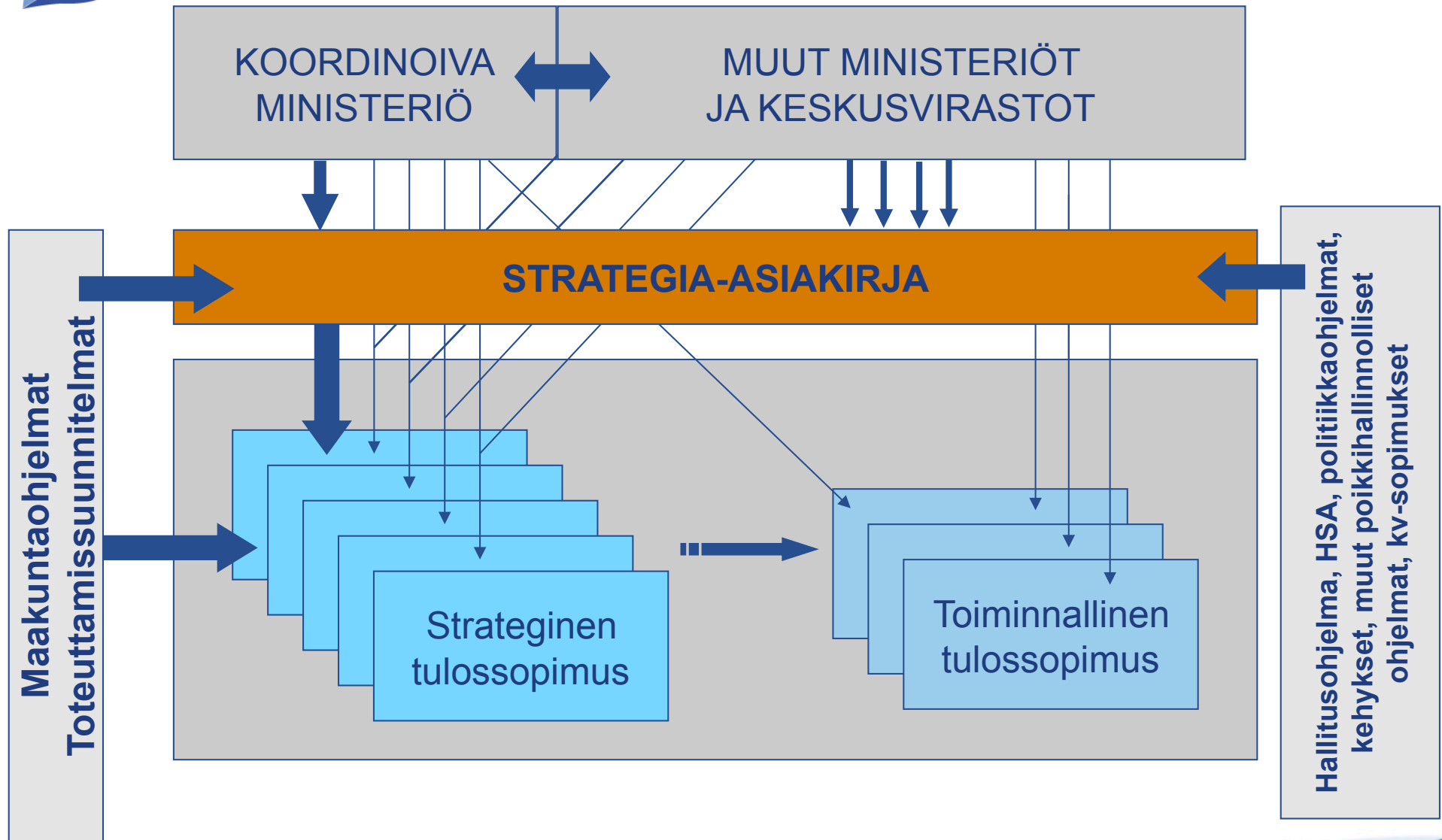
## The Agency for Lapland provides services related to:

1. basic public services (health care and social welfare, education, promotion and execution of legal protection, permits)
2. fire and rescue services
3. preparedness activities (safe society)

The agency works in close collaboration with local authorities .



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## Finland is a democratic, welfare and safe society

Regional State Administrative Agency advances equality, we are respected by the clients, partners and professionals.

The Agency consist of multiprofessionally and ethically working specialists.



## The roles of state and municipalities

- Centralised steering (The Ministry of Education and Culture, The National Board of Education)
- Education is organized by municipalities
- No separate school inspectorate and no inspection visits to schools conducted by state authorities
- Instead of it; self evaluation and external evaluation → conclusions → changing educational policy



## Education belongs to the division of basic public services, legal rights and permits

- handling of complaints
- promoting the legal protection of pupils
- organizing supplementary education for teaching personnel
- evaluating the educational services from the view of equality





## Special task – Sámi education

About 450 Sámi speaking pupils in Lapland

They have a right to get education in Sámi language in Sámi area municipalities:  
Utsjoki, Enontekiö, Inari and Sodankylä



## The state pays for the expenses of the Sámi language and education in Sámi

- This year the Regional State Administrative Agency for Lapland pays for altogether 29 087 hours, 1 683 000 Euros
- The Ministry of Education supports the production of educational material in Sámi. The support is paid for the Finnish Sámi Parliament yearly, which also produces the material