



**National  
Institute for  
Health and  
Welfare  
THL**



# WHAT THL DOES

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- THL studies population health and welfare, effectiveness of health and welfare policies and services, environmental health as well as social problems. THL is one of the top research agencies in Finland.
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- THL collects and produces information on the state of health care and welfare, on social and health services as well as on diseases and their treatment.
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# WHAT THL DOES

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- THL develops and guides social and health care and provides expert assistance to decision-makers and service providers in Finland and abroad. THL's expertise draws on high-quality research, extensive statistics and registers, and knowledge of our interest groups' needs.
  - THL guides and provides government services in the field of social and health care and is responsible for official duties under its purview.
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# OUR FOCUS

We use our **expertise** and the **information** we produce to help our clients and partners in ensuring that **people in Finland live good lives in a just welfare society undergoing a major reform.**

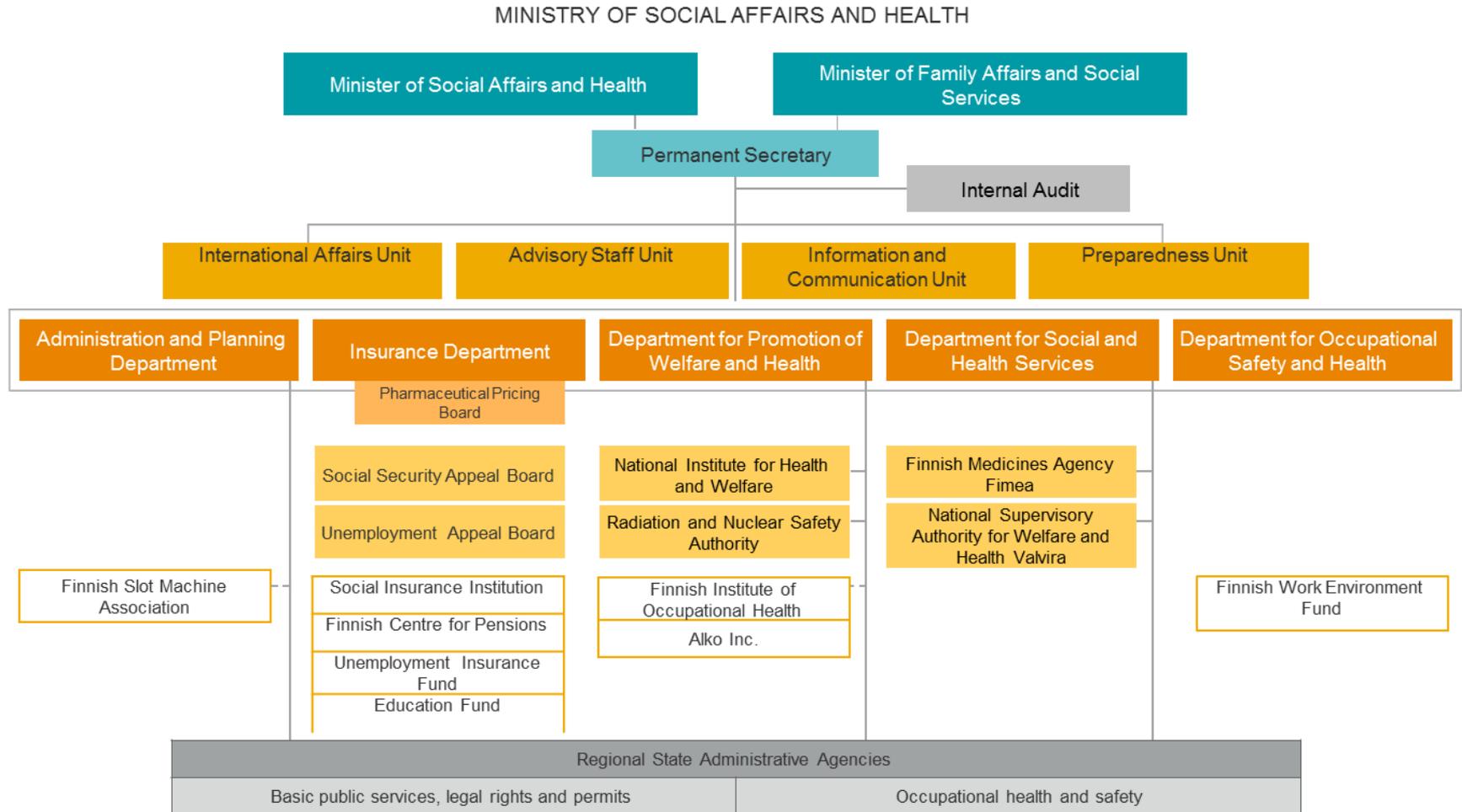
## Main focus areas are:

- A sustainable welfare society
- Reducing inequality and social exclusion
- The changing range of diseases
- Preparedness for health threats
- The service system reform



THL is a Finnish expert agency operating under the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, providing reliable information on health and well-being for use in decision making and work in the field.

# Ministry of Social Affairs and Health and Related National Authorities



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# THL'S STAFF ON 31 March 2016

**71/29%**

women/men

**47 yrs**

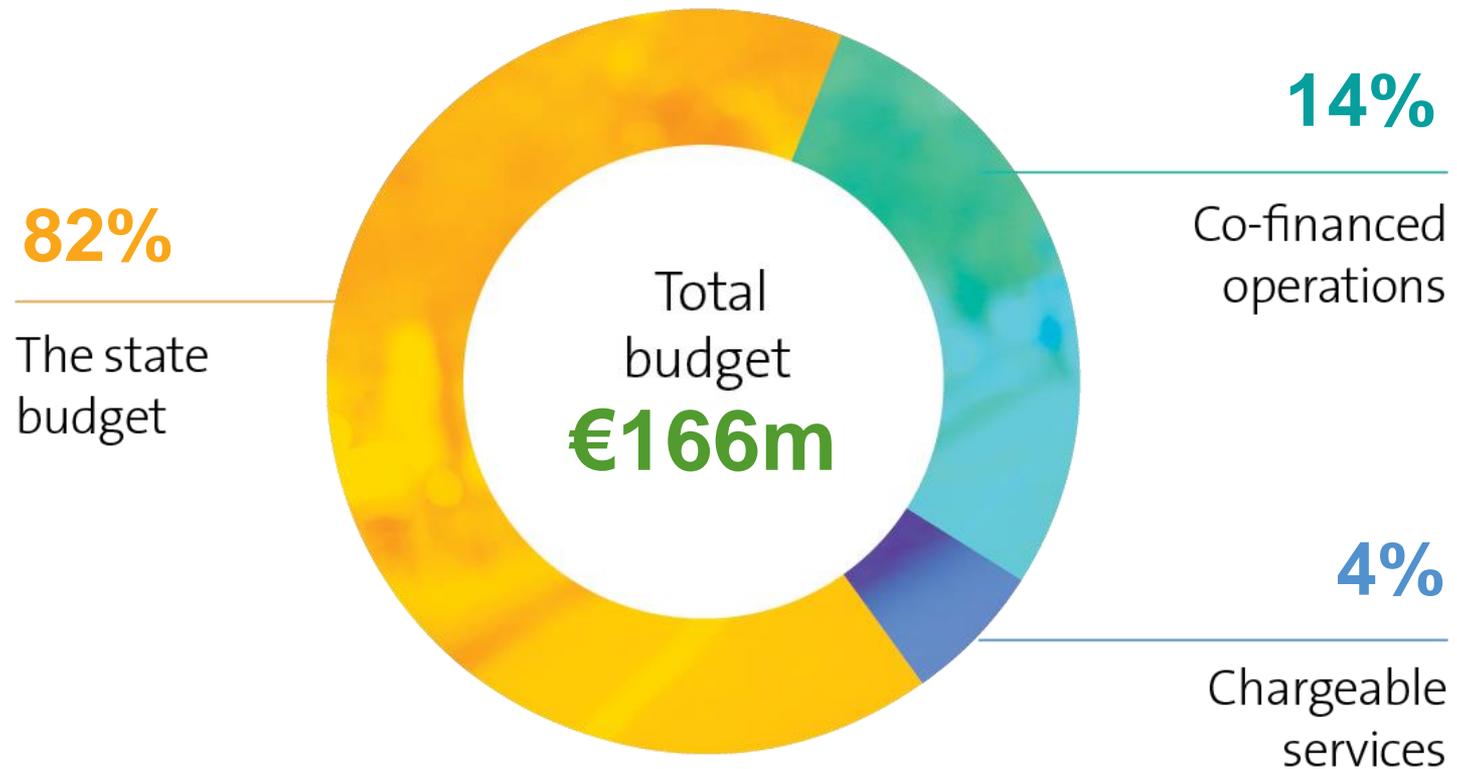
average age



**26%**

have a  
doctoral  
degree

# THL'S FINANCING IN 2015



# THL'S ORGANISATION



## NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND WELFARE

### SENIOR MANAGEMENT

International Affairs

**Director General**

Deputy Director General

Communications

#### WELFARE

#### PUBLIC HEALTH SOLUTIONS

#### HEALTH SECURITY

#### HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SYSTEMS

#### GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Children, Adolescents and Families  
Ageing, Disability and Functioning  
Equality and Inclusion  
Welfare and Health Promotion

Health Monitoring  
Chronic Disease Prevention  
Impact Assessment  
Nutrition  
Genomics and Biomarkers  
Mental Health  
Alcohol, Drugs and Addictions

Infectious Disease Control  
Bacterial Infections  
Viral Infections  
Vaccination Programme  
Living Environment and Health  
Water and Health  
Chemicals and Health

Centre for Health and Social Economics  
Reforms  
Social Policy Research  
Social and Health Systems Research

Forensic Medicine  
Forensic Genetics  
Forensic Toxicology  
**Other Special Services**  
Performance guidance of state mental hospitals and child welfare units

### INFORMATION SERVICES

Information Resource Services | Information Systems | Statistics and Registers | Products | Operational Management

### ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Personnel | Finance | Support Services

## Our key co-operation partners

UN and UN authorities (WHO)

EU (SANCO, ECDC)

OECD

Development  
projects in social  
and health care

European and  
Nordic collaboration,  
collaboration with  
neighbouring areas

Networks of  
researchers and  
experts



# THL's key international co-operation partners

## European Union

- EU Commission Departments (DGs)
- EU's decentralised agencies

## UN and other international organisations

## UN and specialised agencies

- WHO, World Health Organization

## World Bank

## OECD, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development

## International research and expert co-operation

## Nordic co-operation

## Other neighboring areas (Russia, Baltic sea area)



# THL International Affairs Unit

- Development collaboration
  - Identifying, planning, implementing, managing and evaluating international programmes and projects
  - Providing expert services, consulting, technical assistance, study tours and training
- Basic information about us
  - non-profit, advisory unit with extensive experience in international cooperation
  - Active international development cooperation since 1990
  - Nearly 200 projects carried out in over 50 countries worldwide.



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# THL in cooperation with Russia

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During **past 25 years** THL has carried out nearly **45 projects** in the **Russian Federation**, most of them in the neighboring areas of Northwest Russia:

- Republic of Karelia
- St. Petersburg and Leningrad Region
- Murmansk Region
- Kaliningrad Region



The MFA of Finland financed the **neighboring area cooperation** projects during **1994 – 2012**.

THL has also implemented in Russia several projects funded by the EU.

THL has established an extensive network of partners in the Northwest Russia including authorities, research and education institutions and NGOs operating in the field of health and social welfare.



THL's projects covered such **topics** as:

- **Social and health policies, strategies and legislation, example of the project:**  
*Support to the implementation of the Health Promotion Policy in the Republic of Karelia*  
*«Поддержка политики формирования здорового образа жизни в Республике Карелия»*
- **Public health, health promotion, prevention of non-communicable diseases (NCD), example of the project:**  
*Health Promotion and Disease Prevention in the Framework of Primary Health Care (Republic of Karelia)*  
*«Формирование ЗОЖ и профилактика заболеваний в рамках развития первичного здравоохранения в Республике Карелия»*
- **Services for families, adolescents, children, example of the project:**  
*Functional Families – Evidence-Based Welfare Models for Family Work in Finland and Karelia*  
*«Деееспособные семьи – научно-обоснованные модели формирования благополучия в рамках семейной работы на территории Финляндии и Республики Карелия»*

- **Inclusion of disabled people into the society, example of the project:**  
*Support to independent Living, Social Intergration and Employment of Persons with Disabilities in the City of Saint Petersburg*  
*«Поддержка независимого проживания, социальной интеграции и трудоустройства инвалидов в Санкт-Петербурге»*
- **Substance abuse prevention, example of the project:**  
*Strengthening of municipal anti-drug networking in the Murmansk Region*  
*«Развитие муниципального управления и сотрудничества в антинаркотической сфере в Мурманской области»*
- **School health and health education, example of the project:**  
*Promotion of Health Education in Child Care institutions in SPb and Leningrad Oblast*  
*«Формирование здорового образа жизни у воспитанников специализированных реабилитационных учреждений в Санкт-Петербурге и Ленинградской области»*
- **Prevention of infectious diseases, example of the project:**  
*Promotion of Good Practices in the Work against HIV and TB in the Barents Region*  
*«Распространение передовых методов работы по противодействию ВИЧ и туберкулёзу в Баренцевом регионе»*



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