

# The Situation of Taxation in Finland

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#### Introduction

- VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd
  - used to update the taxation values before
  - now municipalities and tax authority
  - mainly based on cost-of-living index or similar
  - in many cases outdated and in imbalance between areas
- New legislation and methods of update are being prepared
- The former government decided not to introduce the legislation before the elections

#### Taxes

- Recurrent property tax
  - Cadastre's role is to provide the basic info fo the tax authority
  - Collected nationally but the tax is municipal
- Transfer tax
  - Based on the price in the deed
- Recurrent property tax was 7.9 % (2020) of municipal income of 24.1 bn €
- Transfer tax was 0.8.% (2020) out of 238 bn €



## **Existing Land Taxation System**

- Valuation is old (10-20 years)
  - → it has fallen behind current market values
- It is regionally in imbalance and thus unfair
- Valuation based on manual maps

### Responsible authorities

- Recurrent property tax
  - Value defined by the Tax Authority
  - Percentage defined by the municipality along the lines in legislation, currently 0,41 – 2,00 %
- Transfer tax
  - Value according to the deed
  - Percentage according to the law, currently
    4 %
  - NLS monitors that the tax is paid before the title is given

# Goals of the New System

- Make a nationwide mass valuation of land, which is
  - up-to-date
  - clear and easy to understand
  - transparent
  - based on statistical calculations with geographical information about property transactions.
- To define new price zones and their prices for the whole of Finland
  - land is classified in to seven land use categories
  - each of them will have their own layer in a geographical information system (ArcGis)

### Organisations involved in Land Tax

Carrying out renewal

Land

Buildings





#### Others involved

Subscriber

Collector of the tax Receiver of taxes



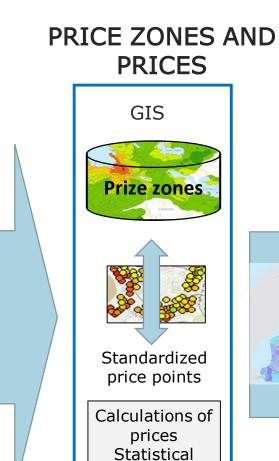


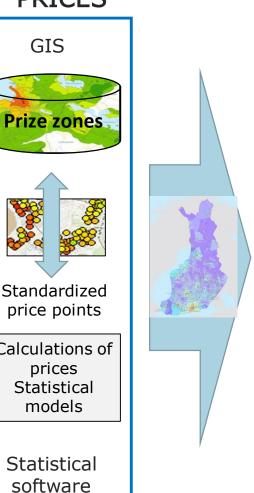


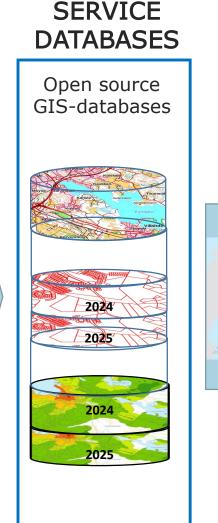
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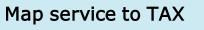










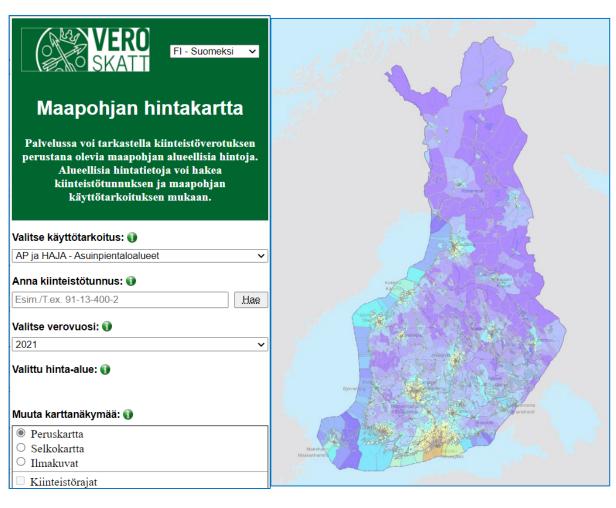


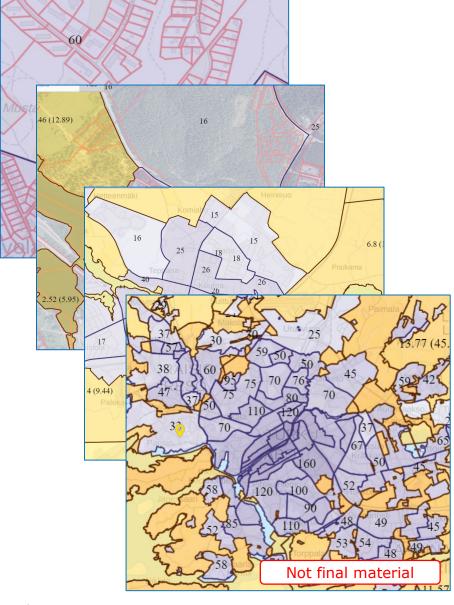


Data transfers



Map service to citizens





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# There is Light at the End of the Tunnel

- A revision is on its way
- NLS has done the analysis and is updating the taxation value information – price map
- Valuation will be made using mass valuation methods
- Goal to maintain the overall level of taxation intact
- Basic info will be open, but not on a real estate basis



# Advancing together

