

Committee for the Future Parliament of Finland

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Core message

Committee for the Future
enables parliamentary futures dialogue
that extends beyond the 4-year
governmental period



Committee for the Future

One of the Parliament's 16 permanent committees

Committees consist of 17 MPs, reflecting the relative strengths of the parliamentary groups

Most of the 16 committees are counterparts to their respective ministries

Committee for the Future \leftrightarrow Prime Minister's office



A brief history

Early 1990s: futures studies approach was adopted in many ministries, regional councils, research institutes and private organizations

→ Economic crisis of early 1990s

→ 1992: An initiative by Parliament, calling on the Government to present strategies for Finland's future

Since 1993, the Government has – at least once during its term of office - issued *a report on long-term future prospects and the Government's targets* and submitted it to Parliament

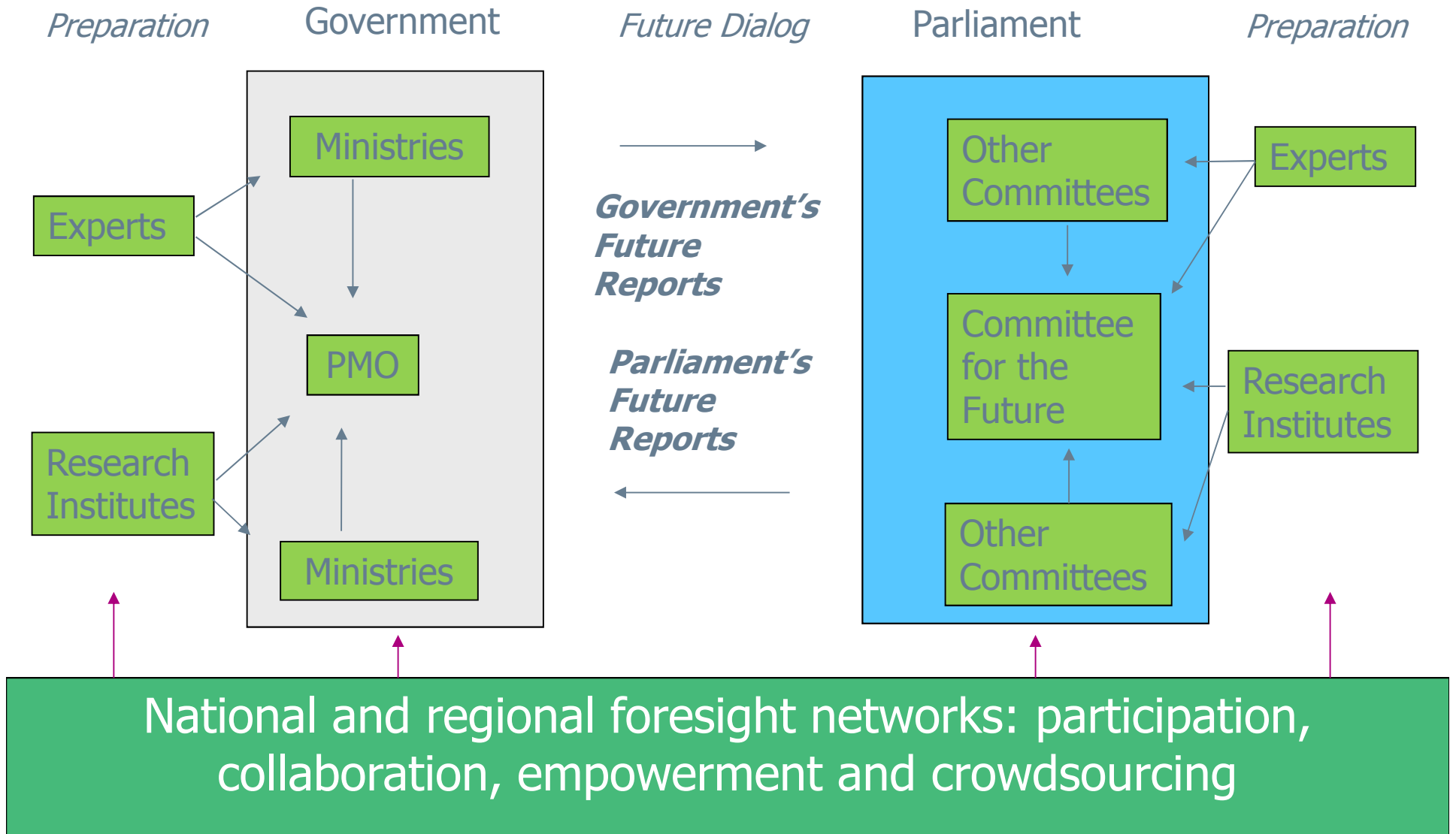
Committee for the Future was established to prepare Parliament's reports (responses) to be discussed in the plenary session, and – further on – in Government

Committee for the Future was first established as a temporary unit.
It became a permanent Committee in 2001

Tasks of Committee for the Future

- **Responding to the Government's** Future reports and Agenda2030 implementation plans
- **Issuing statements to other committees** (regarding governmental bills, legislative initiatives, etc.)
- Organizing and coordinating **parliamentary Technology Assessment (TA)**
- **Keeping up to date with research** and development in future's studies and foresight
- **Own projects:** research, studies
- Developing **futures policy dialogue** with the Government and with society at large

Dialogue on the future: Government's and Parliament's Future Reports



Hearings of the Committee: drawing on a broad array of experts



Photo: Olli Hietanen

Extending beyond governmental periods: resolutions

- As Committee for the Future responds to Government's Future reports and Agenda2030 implementation plans, it can put forward resolutions that legally bind the government(s) until the Parliament decides that the resolution is fulfilled

Examples

- Agenda 2030: indicators for measuring wellbeing to go beyond GDP
- Future report: The Government should divide its reporting in two parts to enhance parliamentary dialogue during the governmental period
- Future report: The Government should act to remove “bureaucracy traps” hindering self-employment

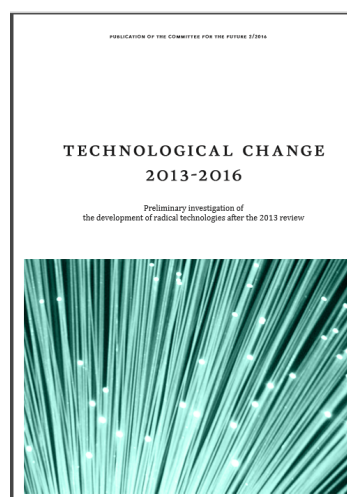
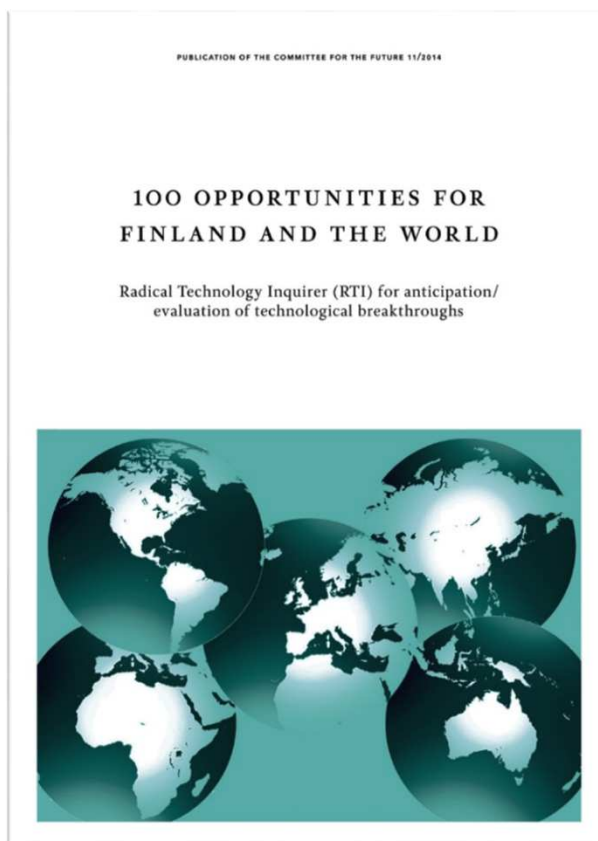
Futures Dialog between Government and Parliament¹⁾

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| 2017 | [Future of work, Part I], forthcoming (VNS 6/2017 – TuVM 2/2017) |
| 2014 | An Enabling State – Experimenting Finland (VNS 7/2013 – TuVM 1/2014) |
| 2010 | Courage Policy – a lot of work, low emissions (VNS 8/2009 – TuVM 1/2010) |
| 2005 | Demographic development, demographic policy and making provision for a change in the age structure – “A good society of people of all ages” (VNS 8/2004 – TuVM 1/2005) |
| 2002 | A Finland of balanced development 2015 (VNS 4/2001 – TuVM 1/2002) |
| 2001 | An initiative of taking action in setting population policy targets (TPA 215/2000 – TuVM 1/2001) |
| 1998 | Honest and courageous – a Finland of responsibility and competence (VNS 3/1997 – TuVM 1/1998) |
| 1997 | Finland and the future of Europe (VNS 3/1996 – TuVM 1/1997) |
| 1994 | Government report on long-term futures (VNS 3/1993 – TuVM 1/1994) |

1) Search for documents by using the badge in the brackets. Note. the document of 2014 is also available in English language, see “Latest publications in English” on the English language main site of the Committee for the Future

Committee for the Future also functions as a parliamentary body for

Technology Assessment



www.eduskunta.fi/FI/tietoaeduskunnasta/julkaisut/Documents/tuvj_2+2016.pdf

A second update is forthcoming in 2018



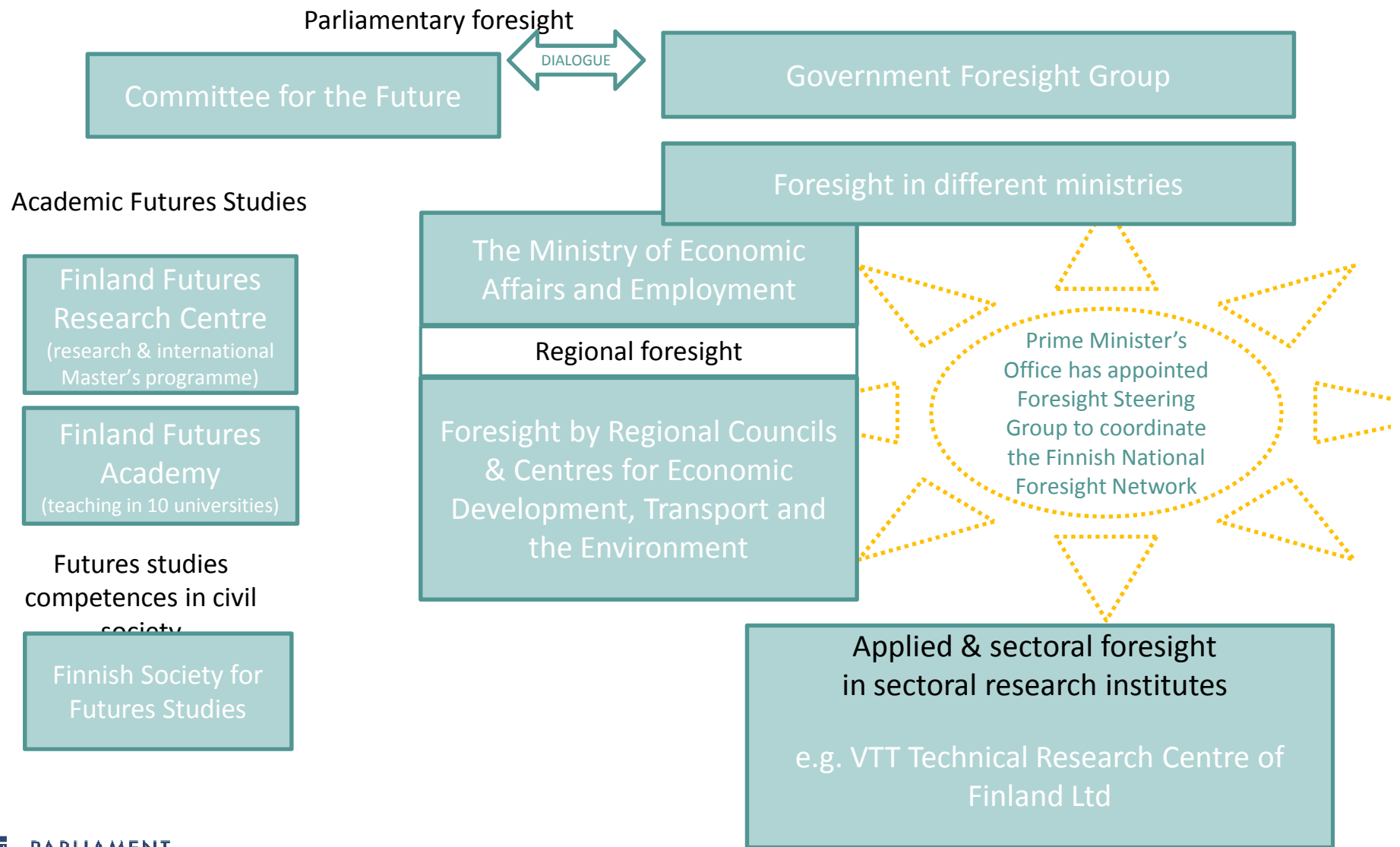
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Recent Research Commissions

- **100 Radical technologies** (2013; update 2016; second update forthcoming in spring 2018)
- **Dialectic future studies and radical technologies** (forthcoming 2018)
- **Sharing (platform) economy** (forthcoming 2018)
- **Modes of expertize i.e. counter-knowledge** (2017)
- **Wellbeing society 2030** (2014, update 2017)
- **Methods of arts** (2016)
- **Education export** (2016)

Broader context for foresight in Finland:



Thank You!