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Finland's EU Presidency 2019



Finland's EU Presidency 2019 – Institutional transition phase

- **14 April: Finnish National Elections**
- **23–26 May: European Parliament elections**
- **20-21 June: European Council and Strategic Agenda 2019–2024**



Finland's EU Presidency takes place during an institutional transition phase with negotiations on future EU-UK relations and appointments to highest EU offices ongoing

National Presidency Programme

- Parliamentary process: all political parties provided their inputs
- Parliamentary elections on 14 April 2019
- New government adopts the programme



FI priorities for 2019–2024: sustainable growth and security

- Growth strategy for Europe
- Single Market interlinked with **dynamic digital economy**
 - Forward-looking Single Market in the accelerating digital era
 - Europe as a leader in digital economy
 - Well-functioning Single Market to drive industrial competitiveness
- Transition to a **low-carbon economy**, climate policy
- **Social dimension**, including reskilling and upskilling for digital Europe



FI priorities for 2019–2024: Education

- Strategic and future-oriented education and training policy at EU level
- Continuous Learning through openness and digitalisation
- Social inclusion and integration incl. immigrants
- Further development of European Education Area incl. tighter synergies with education, research and innovation
- Further development of Erasmus programme

Preliminary dates

- DG HE and joint seminar with ERAC, 1-2 October, Helsinki
- Bologna Follow-Up Group 12-13 November, Helsinki
- European Universities Event 7.11, Brussels
- Joint Council: ECOFIN and EDUCATION, 8 November, Brussels



Finlandia Hall as the venue





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Kiitos - Thank you!

