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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Delegations
Subject:	Committee of the Regions - Letter from the Republic of Finland - appointment of one member and two alternate members

Delegations will find attached a letter dated 3 November 2021, from Mr Janne UUSIVIRTA on behalf of the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Finland, followed by the translation of a letter dated 28 October 2021, from Ms Marja-Riitta PIHLMAN, Director-General and Mr Petri HAAPALAINEN, Ministerial Adviser of the Finnish Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment. Both letters are addressed to Mr Jeppe TRANHOLM-MIKKELSEN, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union.

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Subject

**Proposed Changes and Renewals of Mandate to the Finnish Delegation in the Committee of the Regions following the June 2021 Municipal Elections**

The Permanent Representation of Finland to the European Union hereby transmits the following letter by the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment of Finland to Mr Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen, Secretary-General, General Secretariat of the Council.

On behalf of the Permanent Representative,

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Enclosures

2: Letter 28.10.2021, List of mandates of the Finnish representatives

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**PROPOSAL FOR THE COMPOSITION OF THE FINNISH DELEGATION TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT TERM OF OFFICE, FOLLOWING THE OUTCOME OF THE JUNE 2021 LOCAL ELECTIONS IN MAINLAND FINLAND, AND NOTICE OF THE EXTENSION OF OTHER MEMBERS' TERM OF OFFICE**

Local elections were held in Finland on 13 June 2021. Following the outcome of those local elections, some changes are needed to the delegation representing mainland Finland at the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office.

Finland is represented at the Committee of the Regions by nine (9) full members and nine (9) alternates. Of these nine, eight are from mainland Finland and one is from Åland.

Satu Haapanen, a full member of the Committee of the Regions, and Joonas Honkimaa, an alternate member of the Committee of the Regions, did not stand in the local elections in June 2021. The other members and alternates were re-elected to the local council posts on the basis of which they were appointed to the Committee of the Regions.

At its general meeting on 28 October 2021, the Finnish Government decided to propose candidates for a new member and two new alternate members of the Committee of the Regions for the remainder of the current term of office, as follows:

Proposed new full member:

Niina Ratilainen, Turun kaupunginvaltuuston jäsen (Member of Turku City Council)

Proposed new alternates:

Manu Huuhilo, Kouvola kaupunginvaltuuston jäsen (Member of Kouvola City Council) Eeva-Liisa Nieminen, Tuusulan kunnanvaltuuston jäsen (Member of Tuusula Municipal Council)

The following members and alternates representing mainland Finland were re-elected to the local council posts on the basis of which they were appointed to the Committee of the Regions, and in their regard, for the remainder of the term of office, the Council of the European Union and the Committee of the Regions are notified as follows:

### Full members

Mikko Aaltonen, Tampereen kaupunginvaltuuston jäsen (Member of Tampere City Council)  
Ilpo Heltimoinen, Lappeenrannan kaupunginvaltuuston jäsen (Member of Lappeenranta City Council)  
Anne Karjalainen, Keravan kaupunginvaltuuston jäsen (Member of Kerava City Council)  
Markku Markkula, Espoon kaupunginvaltuuston jäsen (Member of Espoo City Council)  
Mikkel Näkkäläjärvi, Rovaniemen kaupunginvaltuuston jäsen (Member of Rovaniemi City Council)  
Sari Rautio, Hämeenlinnan kaupunginvaltuuston jäsen (Member of Hämeenlinna City Council)  
Mirja Vehkaperä, Oulun kaupunginvaltuuston jäsen (Member of Oulu City Council)

Bert Häggblom, Ahvenanmaan maakuntapäivien jäsen (Member of the Parliament of Åland)  
(local elections were not held in Åland)

### Alternates

Jari Andersson, Sastamalan kaupunginvaltuuston jäsen (Member of Sastamala City Council)  
Pauliina Haijanen, Laitilan kaupunginvaltuuston jäsen (Member of Laitila City Council)  
Patrik Karlsson, Vantaan kaupunginvaltuuston jäsen (Member of Vantaa City Council)  
Merja Lahtinen, Jämsän kaupunginvaltuuston jäsen (Member of Jämsä City Council)  
Pekka Myllymäki, Mynämäen kunnanvaltuuston jäsen (Member of Mynämäki Municipal Council)  
Sanna Rissanen, Liperin kunnanvaltuuston jäsen (Member of Liperi Municipal Council)

Annette Bergbo, Ahvenanmaan maakuntapäivien jäsen (Member of the Parliament of Åland)  
(local elections were not held in Åland)

Marja-Riitta Pihlman  
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