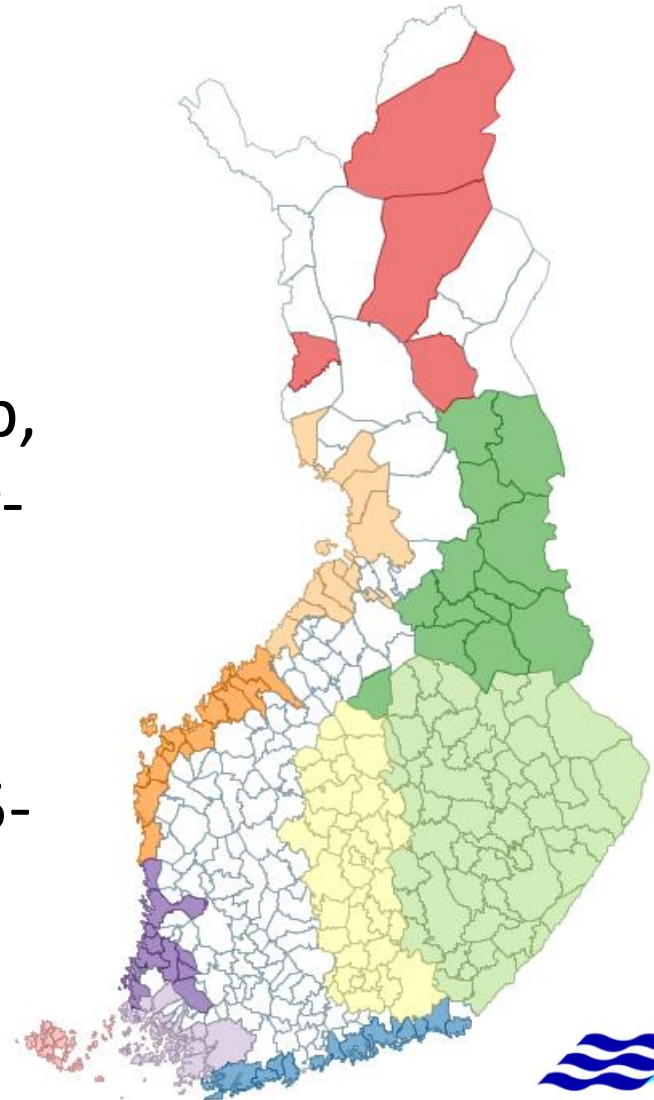


# Fisheries Local Action Groups in Finland

- **9** fisheries activity groups, + 1 at Åland islands (white = no mans land)
- CLLD; run by one leader-group, but area covers several leader-areas
- **Local strategies**
- Project funding for years 2015-2016 (~2017)



# Projects implemented by FLAGS

- 56 projects by 31.3.2017, including 10 animations
  - 14 finished
  - The animation projects include animators' salaries and costs - not real implementation projects
- Average total cost 45 000 €
  - Median 25 000 €
- Average EMFF support 19 000 €
  - Median 10 000 €
- Several projects which promote the recruitment of new, young fishermen
- Promotion of fishing and processing of *Cyprinidae* family fish (mainly Common Roach)



# Project topics and themes

- "ABC of fish processing"
- "Cost-efficient fishing and processing of *Cyprinidae* family fish"
- "The conditions for recruiting new fishermen in Sodankylä, Lapland"
- Surveys concerning the state spawning rivers of anadromous fish
- "Master and the apprentice" – promoting the entrance of new fishermen to the industry via apprenticeship
- Surveys examining the state of fishing ports
- "Possibilities of cultivating duckweed (*Lemna minor*) in an aquaculture farm"



# Project example: Conditions for recruiting new fishermen (Lapland)

- Local fishermen initiated a working group to discuss a possible project about the recruitment of new fishermen
- It became clear that the recruitment process would be complicated, so the municipality of Sodankylä started a project to survey the conditions for recruiting new fishermen
- Actions: Informing via events and media presence, discussions with current fishermen and cooperation with regional authorities
- The main results:
  - The number of people interested in commercial fishing was surprising
  - A problem often arises in securing the transition to a livelihood
- Total cost 19 190 €, EMFF support 90 %



# Cooperation projects (Art. 64)

- Article 64 is not in use, but it is included in the strategies of FLAGs
  - Cooperation projects can be funded from the FLAGs budgets'
  - Cooperation is encouraged
- A soon-to-be starting cooperation project: Increasing the awareness of the damage caused by cormorants and seals to the catches of fishermen
  - 5 FLAGs from Finland (and a total of 8 from other baltic countries)





Thank you!