



Regional Council of South Ostrobothnia





Responsible advocacy and open co-operation

The Regional Council of South Ostrobothnia

is a provincial municipal federation formed of 19 municipalities

Working towards a successful region

The objective of the activities of the Regional Council of South Ostrobothnia is a competitive and co-operative region known for its high-level education, know-how, welfare and entrepreneurship.

In order to reach the common goals of the region, the Regional Council works to form a common drive for development and to gather resources for this purpose. The Regional Council of South Ostrobothnia is an advocate for the region's success!

Asko Peltola, Regional Mayor, D. Sc.

Entrepreneurship

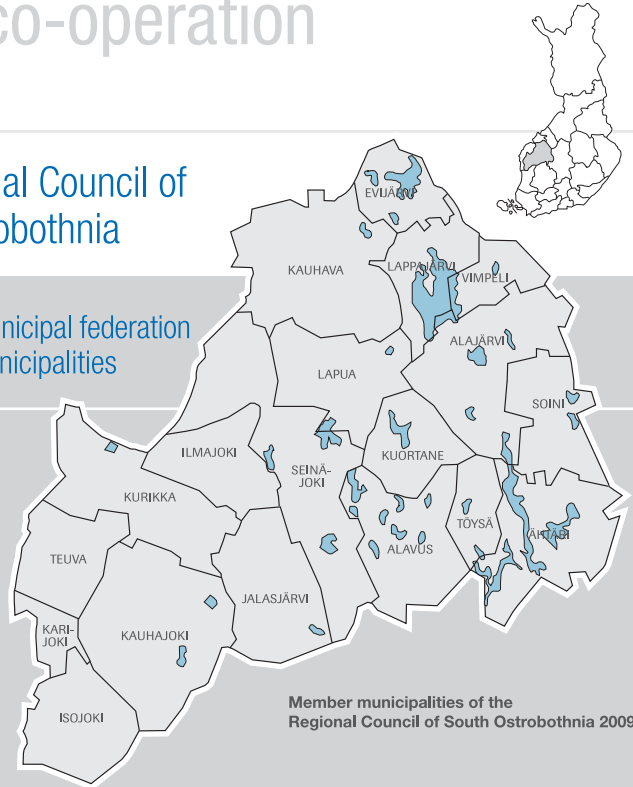
Welfare

Innovativeness

Pro-development

Co-operation

Equality



Member municipalities of the Regional Council of South Ostrobothnia 2009

The Regional Council of South Ostrobothnia is a regional municipal federation. In compliance with the decisions made by its organs, the Regional Council of South Ostrobothnia carries out

- tasks related to the Regional Plan and the Regional Land Use Plan, as defined in the Land Use and Construction Act
- tasks related to the Regional Plan, the Regional Program and its Implementation Plan as well as the internationalisation of the region, as defined in the regional policy legislation
- tasks such as ones related to pre-emption and planning assigned to the Regional Council on the basis of other legislation
- tasks of regional advocacy as well as tasks related to cultural, educational and municipal affairs assigned to the Regional Council by its member municipalities

A courageous facilitator of regional goals



The region of South Ostrobothnia

South Ostrobothnia offers its inhabitants the internationally attractive city area of Seinäjoki, pleasant small towns and municipal centres as well as a rural environment close to nature. South Ostrobothnia is known for its culture and entrepreneurship which are the key resources in developing the region. The strongest clusters are the food processing, metal and technology industries as well as wood industry and building.

In developing the region, a special focus is given to strengthening the fields of food production, food culture and primary production. In the future, versatile service know-how, design and technology will also be invested in. Environmental values and sustainable development are strongly present in the development and application of the technology industry.

The South Ostrobothnian character has traditionally been associated with outspokenness, diligence, solemnity and courage. The South Ostrobothnians of today still recognise their roots. In recent years, more and more immigrants have also arrived to the region.

Regional Council of South Ostrobothnia at your service

The Regional Council of South Ostrobothnia is a provincial developer, broker and networker organisation maintained by municipalities. The experts in the office of the Regional Council work within regional development and planning, promotion of culture, the internationalisation the region, regional co-operation and advocacy as well as versatile project activities. The central idea in our activities is to initiate and carry out extensive cross-sectoral co-operation for the benefit of the South Ostrobothnian people and municipalities as well as the entire region. The Council brings all South Ostrobothnian actors together to work toward advancing and reaching common goals.

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Distances

Seinäjoki - Helsinki	357 km
Seinäjoki - Turku	295 km
Seinäjoki - Tampere	180 km
Seinäjoki - Jyväskylä	197 km
Seinäjoki - Oulu	325 km
Seinäjoki - Vaasa	78 km

By train

from Helsinki	2 h 40 min
from Tampere	1 h 5 min
from Oulu	2 h 55 min

By airplane

Seinäjoki - Helsinki	50 min
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Regional Plan 2030

South Ostrobothnia is a “pro-welfare region of entrepreneurship and culture that is attractive both nationally as well as internationally.”

Statistics

	South Ostrobothnia	% of the whole country
Area	13 999,63 km ²	3.6
Population	194 105	3.6
Business structure		
- primary production	10.1 %	8.9
- secondary industry	30.5 %	4.2
- services	58.4 %	2.9

We have built an expert development organisation that acts as an active and cooperation-orientated initiator in regionally important development projects. We act in a flexible and practical manner with consideration to the region's special characteristics.



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Four Finnish regional councils - South Ostrobothnia, Central Finland, Satakunta and Ostrobothnia - run a common European Office in Brussels. The office promotes the interests of the regions in the EU and its organs as well as within trans-regional co-operation. It also builds ties with regions and organisations.

