

## Infrastructure and transport

# Efficient infrastructure boosts business

Finland's highly developed transport and communications infrastructure enables strategic access to the expanding markets of Northern Europe, Russia and Asia.

#### Modern infrastructure for business

Advanced transport infrastructure and logistics are key strengths of Finland's domestic economy and its lively trade with the Nordic and Baltic countries, the EU, Russia and Asia. Business is served by excellent roads and railways, and a vast network of waterways, canals and sea lanes. As the eastern border of the EU, Finland is the ideal business gateway to Russia. The countries share the same rail gauge, so rail cars do not require modification or reloading when they cross the border.

Finland has 25 airports serving air freight and passenger traffic, including the Helsinki-Vantaa - recognised among the best international airports in IATA and ASQ surveys. Helsinki-Vantaa offers global connections to more than 120 destinations and is an

increasingly popular gateway to Asia as the most direct route between Europe and Asia.

Finland's fully automated, state-of-theart ports are highly specialized and rank among the safest and fastest in the world. Car ferries and container ships serve the region with regular daily departures. The newly opened Vuosaari Harbour has been built in a key location for efficient transport connections in a total market area of 80 million consumers.

#### Leading logistics know-how

The world's leading providers of logistical services are represented in Finland. They offer the full range of specialist aircraft, ships and vehicles, and the latest technology for automated warehousing and real-time monitoring of shipments.

### Advanced ICT and telecom infrastructure

Finland has been an early adopter of emerging digital and wireless technologies. As a result, Finland's scientific, technological and telecom infrastructure is highly developed. Internet, broadband and mobile phone penetration is among the highest in the world.

#### Sources and further information

Finnish Transport Agency http://portal.fma.fi/sivu/www/fma\_fi/ Infrastructure and construction service Destia www.destia.fi/english/ Railways www.vr.fi Finnair www.finnair.fi Finavia www.finavia.fi Customs www.tulli.fi Logistics Finland www.logisticsturku.fi

From Helsinki	Air freight*	Road haulage	Container ship
Tallinn	0.5 h	24 h	24 h
Copenhagen	2.5 h	46 h	36 h
Frankfurt	2.5 h	72 h	-
London	3 h	96 h	-
New York	9 h	-	3 weeks
Tokyo	11 h	-	5 weeks
St Petersburg	1 h	1–2 days	24 h
Moscow	2.5 h	2–3 days	-
Shanghai	9 h	9 days	2 weeks
New Delhi	6.5 h	-	2 weeks
Singapore	11.5 h	-	3 weeks

<sup>\*</sup> Flight time. Source: Finnish Maritime Administration