

Government Decree on the Natural Resources Institute Finland (715/2014)

Section 1 – *Tasks of the Natural Resources Institute Finland*

- (1) The task of the Natural Resources Institute Finland is to engage in scientific research and development activities, knowledge and technology transfer and production of statistics concerning:
 - 1) agriculture and food economy;
 - 2) rural development;
 - 3) forestry;
 - 4) fisheries and game management;
 - 5) reindeer husbandry;
 - 6) other economic activities based on renewable natural resources;
 - 7) recreational use of nature and management of waters and marine areas, unless this is the task of another authority.
- (2) In addition, the task of the Natural Resources Institute Finland is to:
 - 1) produce information on the status and development of the production environment of agriculture, food economy, forestry and reindeer husbandry, rural areas, forest resources and forests, game and fisheries resources and, with respect to the scope of activities of the Institute, waters and marine areas;
 - 2) produce information on the impacts of the economic activities referred to in subsection 1 and other use of renewable natural resources and climate change mitigation and adaptation, unless this is the task of another authority;
 - 3) see to the management of measures relating to the diversity and sustainable use of the genetic resources of agriculture and food economy, forestry and fisheries;
 - 4) see to the monitoring of invasive alien species and produce information for the prevention of harmful invasive alien species, unless this is the task of another authority;
 - 5) see to the management of forest tree breeding activity.
- (3) The Natural Resources Institute Finland functions as the liaison agency referred to in Article 7 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1217/2009 setting up a network for the collection of accountancy data on the incomes and business operations of agricultural holdings in the European Union.

Section 2 – *Board*

- (1) The task of the Board is to support the activity of the management of the Natural Resources Institute Finland, make motions on the strategic steering of the activity and promote cooperation with relevant stakeholders.
- (2) The Board has up to seven members. The Government appoints the chair and vice-chair of the Board from among the members. In addition, in the Board there is representative selected by the staff of the Natural Resources Institute Finland from among their number. The President and CEO acts as the rapporteur in matters processed by the Board.

- (3) The Board is appointed for a fixed period of no more than three years at a time. If the chair, vice-chair or member, except for the staff representative, resigns or is prevented from managing his or her task, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry appoints a new chair, vice-chair or member to substitute for him or her for the remaining term. The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry determines the fees paid to the Board.
- (4) The Board convenes by invitation of the chair or, if the chair is prevented, of the vice-chair. The Board has a quorum when the chair of the meeting and at least half of the other members are present. The decisions are taken by a simple majority of votes. In the event of a tie the opinion of the chair is the decision.

Section 3 – *Power of decision of the Board*

- (1) The Board decides on:
 - 1) the strategic operative outlines and objectives of the Natural Resources Institute Finland in accordance with the objectives set in the performance agreement;
 - 2) the budget proposal, multi-annual operating and financial plan and the approval of the final accounts;
 - 3) other broad and far-reaching matters and important matters of principle with regard to the Natural Resources Institute Finland which the President and CEO or chair of the Board wishes to be processed by the Board;
 - 4) appointment of advisory boards.

Section 4 – *Tasks of the Director of Statistics and specific power of decision*

- (1) The Director of Statistics is responsible for good quality and performance in the production of statistics that are the task of the Natural Resources Institute Finland.
- (2) The Director of Statistics makes decisions on matters concerning:
 - 1) collection of statistical data;
 - 2) exemption from the obligation to provide information;
 - 3) keeping, handing over or other processing of or assigning the right of use to information collected for statistical purposes;
 - 4) statistics programme and production and publication of statistics.

Section 5 – *Staff*

- (1) The appointment to the offices is done by the President and CEO, unless otherwise provided or the power of decision has been transferred to another public servant by the Rules of Procedure. The above provision on appointment to offices also applies to concluding an employment contract on behalf of the Natural Resources Institute Finland.
- (2) The Director-General responsible for research and the Research Professor hold the title of Professor. The title of Professor is also held by the President and CEO if he or she holds a doctor's degree.

Section 6 – *Qualifications*

- (1) The qualifications required for offices at the Natural Resources Institute Finland are:
 - 1) for Director-General, Director of Statistics and head of unit, a higher university degree, diverse experience required for the task, and leadership skills proven in practice;
 - 2) for Director-General responsible for research, Professor and Research Professor a doctor's degree, diverse experience required for the task, and leadership skills in research activity.

Section 7 – *Appointment of substitutes*

- (1) The substitute for the President and CEO is appointed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Section 8 – *Entry into force*

- (1) This Decree enters into force on 1 January 2015.