



MINISTRY OF FINANCE

Finnish Government, Ministry of Finance  
Helsinki, Finland  
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**Industry:**

Public Sector

**Employees:**

6,000

**Oracle Products & Services:**

Oracle Database  
Oracle Application Server  
Oracle Real Application Clusters

**Oracle Partner:**

TietoEnator Corporation  
www.tietoenator.com

**“Oracle has provided us with a uniform, reliable, and scalable platform that will meet our needs well into the future. The information systems and common processes that it supports are cross-ministerially utilized and critical to national decision-making and to the transfer and sharing of information between the major government bodies of the Finnish state.”** – Kari Kekki, Chief Information Officer, Government Information Management Unit, Ministry of Finance

**Finnish Government Implements Centralized IT Platform for Cross-Ministerial Processes**

The Finnish Government provides a macroeconomic and fiscal policy framework for the government, drafts the annual budget, and offers experience in tax policy matters. The Ministry is responsible for strategic policy on the financial markets, and State employer and personnel policy, as well as for overall development of government. It also participates in the work of the European Union (EU) and several international organizations.

**Challenges**

- Create a reliable, scalable, and consolidated information technology (IT) infrastructure following a merger of the IT units of the government, the Prime Minister’s Office, and the Ministry of Finance in 2004
- Provide a unified platform for the two separate process systems used by the government and all ministries
- Centralize IT systems management and minimize the need for updates and time-consuming maintenance activities
- Support decision-making and other processes related to affairs of State and to the management and distribution of EU documentation

**Solution**

- Worked with TietoEnator Corporation to implement Oracle Database and Oracle Application Server, establishing a single, centralized IT platform that ensures the security and availability of critical information while reducing IT maintenance
- Gained the ability to add capacity cost-effectively and when needed with Oracle Real Application Clusters
- Created a robust, reliable, and scalable system that will last well into the future
- Reduced the IT maintenance burden with a centralized IT infrastructure
- Delivered critical around-the-clock availability to 200 active and 2,000 occasional users involved in government decision-making processes, as well as 4,000 users involved in preparation and sharing of EU documentation
- Increased IT efficiency by minimizing the need for complicated customization