

5th National Communication of Finland
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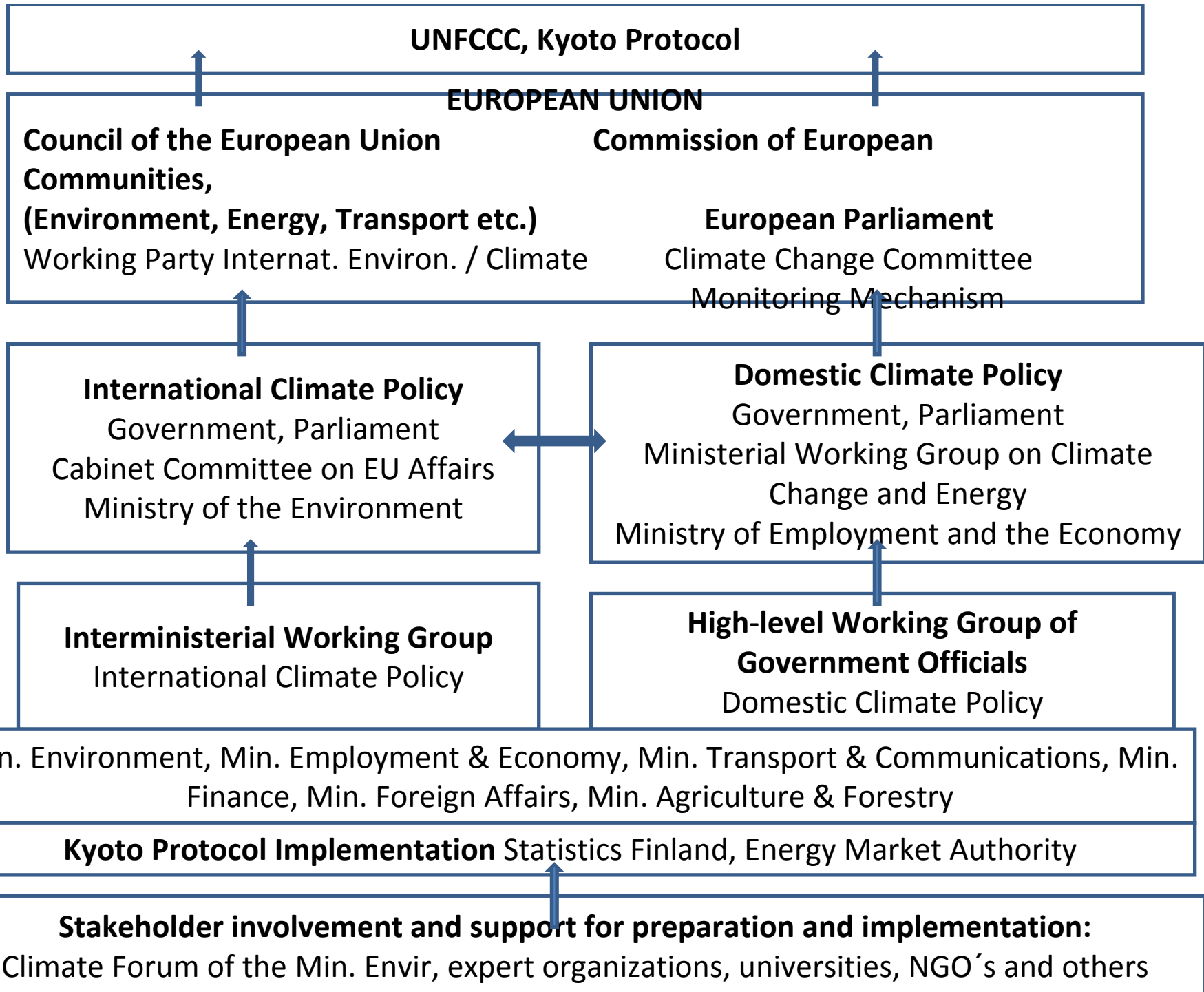
FINLAND

One of the top environmental policy priorities is mitigation of climate change.

In European terms fairly large country with low population

- 5.3 million people; 17 pers. / km²**
- Quarter of the country extending north of the Arctic Circle**

Institutional arrangements



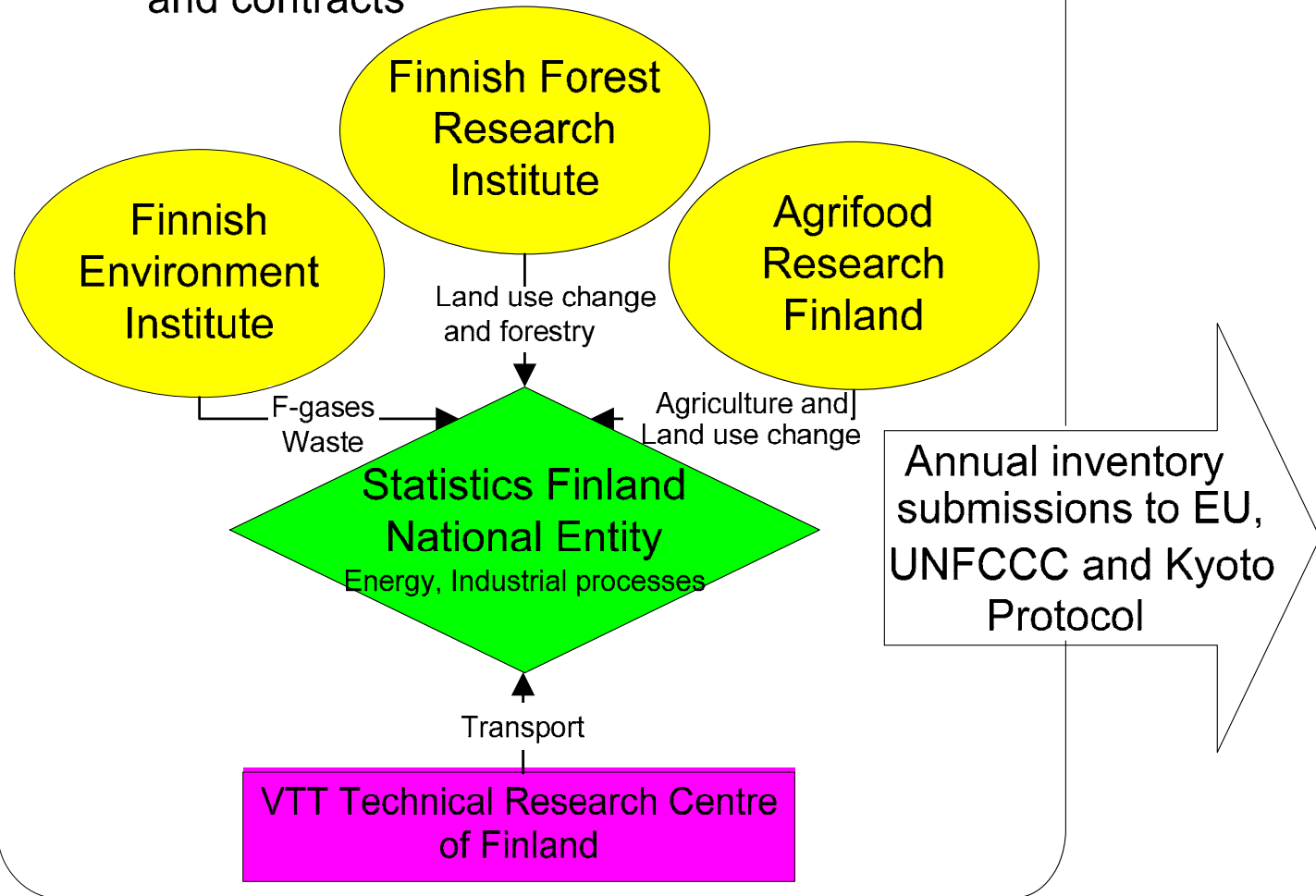
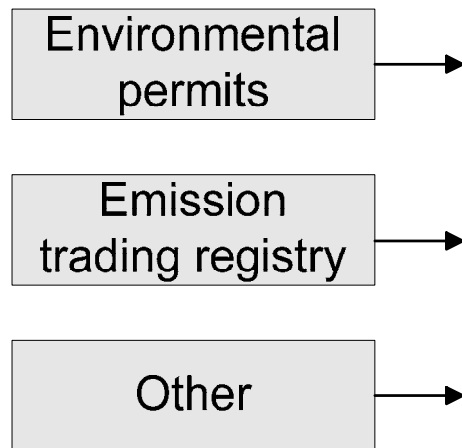
5th National Communication of Finland

- Government Degree 2003:
 - Statistics Finland became the national entity for Finland's Greenhouse Gas Inventory System
 - Statistics Finland tasked to technically compile Finland's national communications under the UNFCCC and Kyoto Protocol
 - coordinate the work, compile, prepare the layout, submit and publish the report
 - materials for the report mainly from relevant ministries and expert organisations

National System for Greenhouse Gas Inventory

Greenhouse Gas Inventory, based on the Law of Statistics, protocols, agreements and contracts

Administrative data sources



Advisory Board:
Relevant ministries, the Energy Market Authority,
Finnish Environment Institute, Finnish Forest Research
Institute and Agrifood Research Finland

Preparation of the 5th National Communication

- Committee for preparing the NC (autumn 2008)
 - chair and two secretaries from Statistics Finland
 - representatives for relevant ministries and expert organisations
- professional editor and English language consultant to harmonise the contents and language
- nearly 100 contributors
- public commenting in autumn 2010
- submission to the UNFCCC secretariat 23.12.2010

LESSONS LEARNED

- Requires resources from the Ministries
(must be prepared to do the job)
- Important to get material in time
- Use specific meetings focused on a single chapter
(do not invite everybody to all meetings)
- Use language check
(must be familiar with specific vocabulary and terms)
- Use professional editor
(possibly science journalist)

Lessons on sustainability

- Established National System supports sustainability
- Annual inventories support the preparation of regular NatComs
- Capacity is built across the sectors - learning by doing
- Networks established between sectors
- Reviews in collegial spirit have improved the quality
- NatCom supports Finnish policy making process
- Strong impact for public awareness

Thank you

Kiitos !