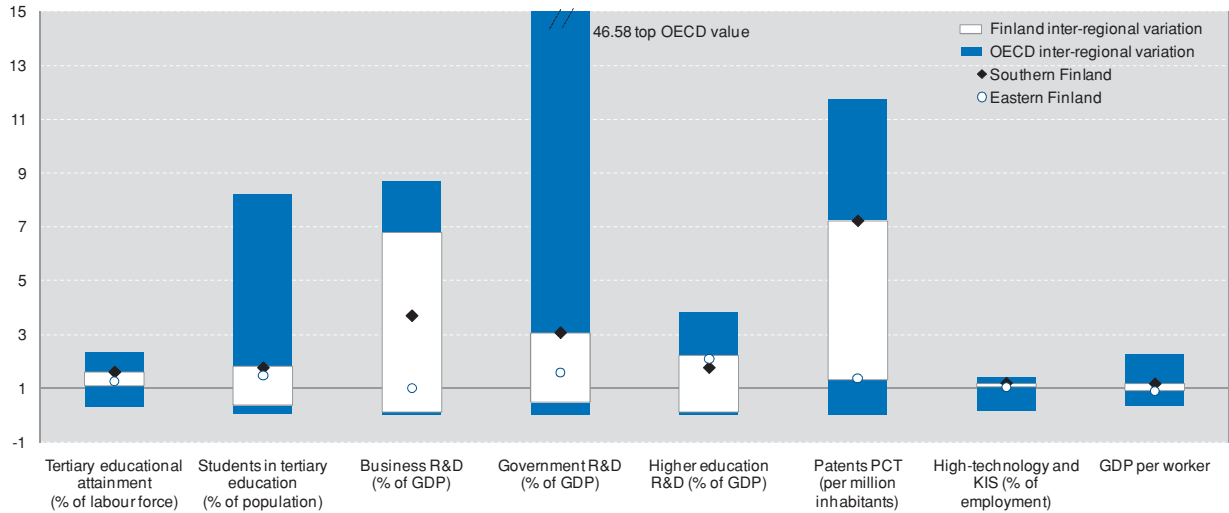


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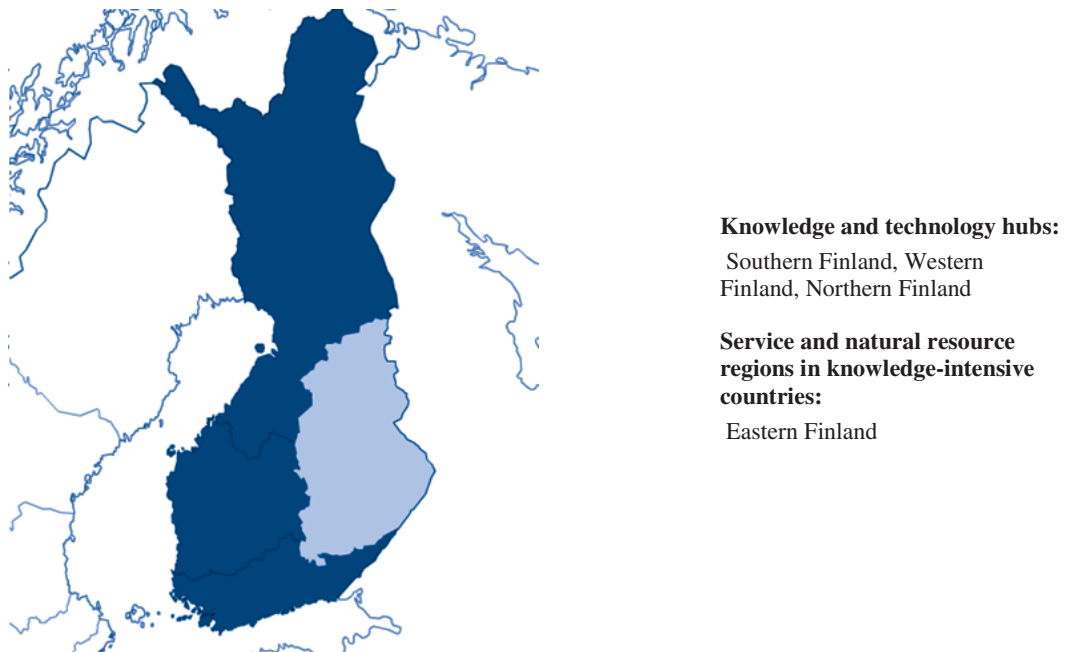
Figure 7.11. Summary of innovation indicators: inter-regional variation



Notes: Data is for 2007 or latest year available. Each variable is normalised to an OECD median of 1 for regions with data. The light colour band represents the range of values for the country. The dark band represents the range of values for OECD regions. Not all OECD regions have data for all variables.

Source: Calculations based on data from the *OECD Regional Database*.

Figure 7.12. Categorisation of OECD regions in country



Note: Colours range from dark to light based on the type of region present in the country with available data. This map is for illustrative purposes and is without prejudice to the status of or sovereignty over any territory covered by this map.

Source: Calculations based on data from the *OECD Regional Database*.

Table 7.12. Overview of multi-level governance of STI policy

Regions	5 <i>Suuralueet/Storområden</i>
Country structure	Unitary, regions not elected
Sub-national share of government expenditure, all functions (2009)	40.1%
Definition of regional role in STI	None for regions as entities, but ELY centres (Centres for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment) created by 2009 law
Regional role in higher education	Not a regional responsibility
Formal national-regional co-ordination bodies	Co-ordination bodies at level of national regional development agencies (ELY centres) or programmes (Centres of Expertise)
Regional consideration in national S&T/Innovation Plan	National Innovation Strategy discusses innovation hubs (albeit not the regional dimension of innovation activity)
Example of national policies with explicit regional dimension	OSKE – Centres of Expertise Programme
Example of co-ordination tools	ELY centres (six national ministries) created to address challenges in synchronising national and regional T&I policies (akin to regional development agency)

Note: The municipal level is more active than the regional level in a number of instruments in Finland, notably those associated with technology transfer and innovation services to firms as well as innovation collaboration. Some instruments may therefore not be noted in the table because they are supported by the municipal level.

Table 7.13. Instruments by level of government

N=national, R=regional; X=most or all; S=some

	N	R
Human capital investment		
Scholarships for post-graduate studies	X	
Targeted human resource training (directly, subsidies)		
Strategy and foresight		
High-level strategic advisory body	X	
Technology foresight exercises (assessing future needs)	X	X
R&D investment (including large infrastructure)		
On-going institutional R&D funding in PRCs or HEIs	X	
Seed funding/projects to start PRCs or HEIs		X
Competitive R&D funding by PRCs or HEIs	X	
Public subsidies for private R&D	X	X
Tax credits for private R&D	X	
Technology transfer and innovation services to firms		
Quality control and metrology services	X	
Innovation advisory or support services (publicly provided, vouchers, subsidies, student placements)		X
Advisory to spin-off and knowledge-intensive start-up firms		X
Other technology transfer centres and extension programmes		
Innovation collaboration		
Cluster initiatives (often sectoral and mainly firm-based)	X	X
Branded excellence poles or hubs (label and multiple actors)	X	X
Multi-disciplinary technology platforms		
Science and technology parks		
Incubators for new firms	X	X
Financing for innovative firms		
Public development banks		
Public venture capital funds or stakes in private funds	X	S
Guarantees	X	X
International collaboration		
Scientific co-operation for HEIs and PRCs	X	X
Foreign firms eligible for public innovation-related funds	X	X
International trips to develop innovation networks		
Other programmes		
Public procurement policy with innovation focus	X	X
Innovation awards		

Notes: PRC=public research centre; HEI=higher education institution.