



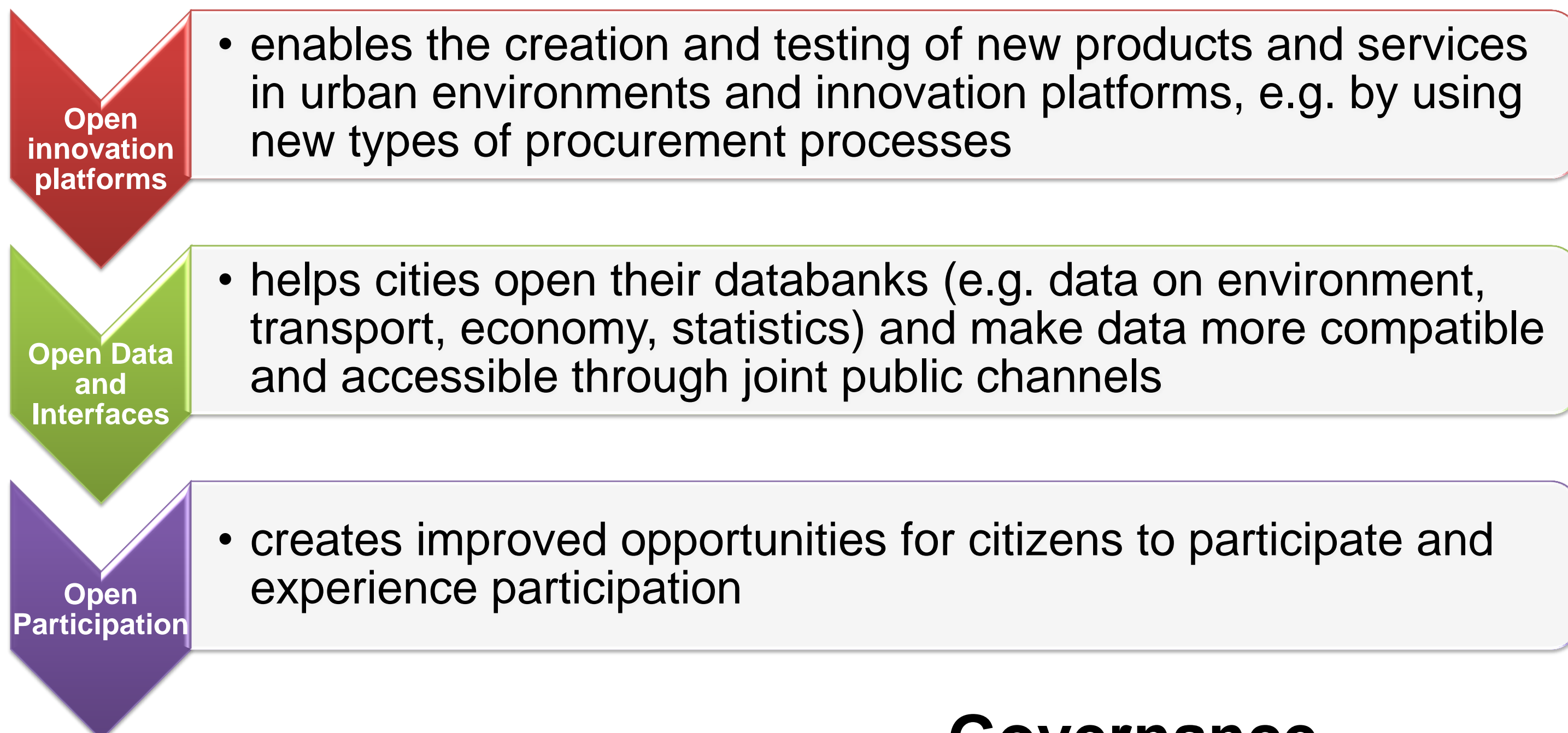
# Finland Six Cities (6AIKA)

## Open and smart services in a city network

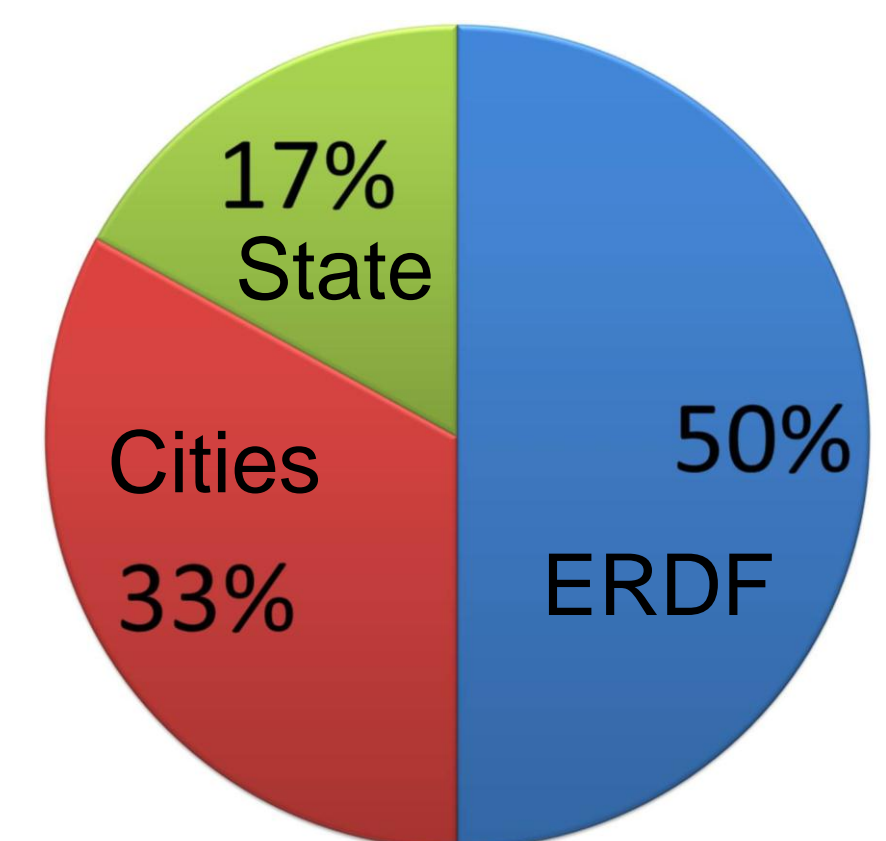
Finland will implement a single ITI strategy covering the country's six largest cities: Helsinki, Espoo, Vantaa, Oulu, Tampere and Turku. The participating six cities represent 30 percent of the total population of Finland. These six cities are also the centres for research, development and innovation activities in the country. In Finland, it is important that the cities network and work together due to their small population sizes and many shared challenges. The ITI also provides a tool for the integration of multiple funds (ERDF and ESF).

In 2014-20, Finland has one multi-fund OP benefitting from €786.8 million of ERDF and €512.7 million of ESF.

### Thematic focus

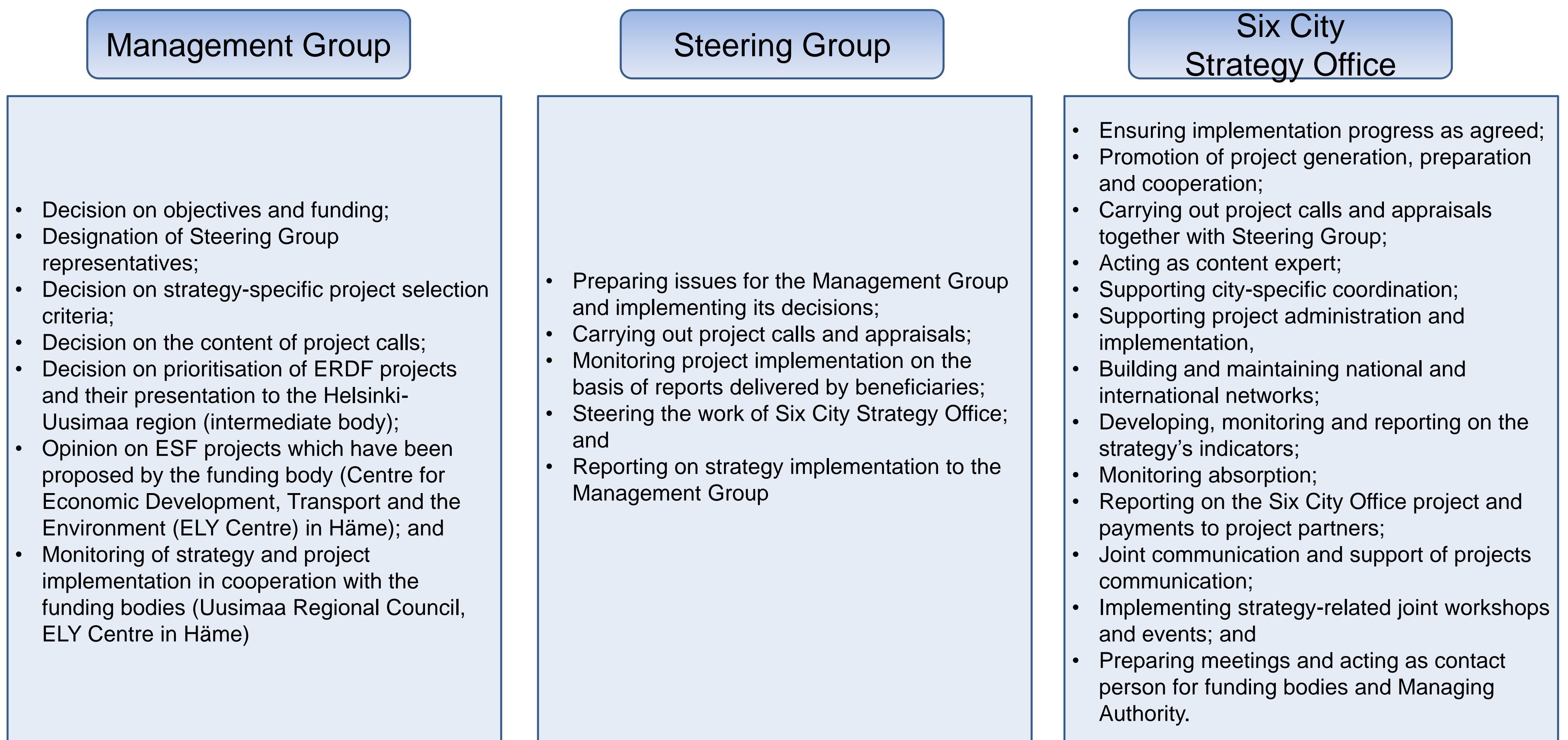


### Resources



Total €78.9 million  
(no earmarked ESF funding)

### Governance



### Expected benefits and learning

- Phased approach to allow for flexibility** – The strategy's first implementation plan covers three years (Phase 1), providing more concrete information on themes and funding. The second and third phases will each last two years, with mid-term evaluations to be carried out between phases.
- Blueprint** – The new operating models created through the strategy are available for use by all cities and municipalities in Finland as well as those in other countries.
- Expansion** – The overall funding allocated to ITIs is limited (around €10 million per year). However, in the course of the programme period other ITI strategies can be created on the basis of the needs of regional actors.
- Change of mind-set and in the way challenges are addressed** – The approach recognises the importance of joint idea generation and ensures that only the most practical and innovative ideas will be implemented.

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