



Art questions,
seeks and creates meanings.
Art belongs to everyone.
This is why we support
artistic expression.

Arts Promotion
Centre Finland



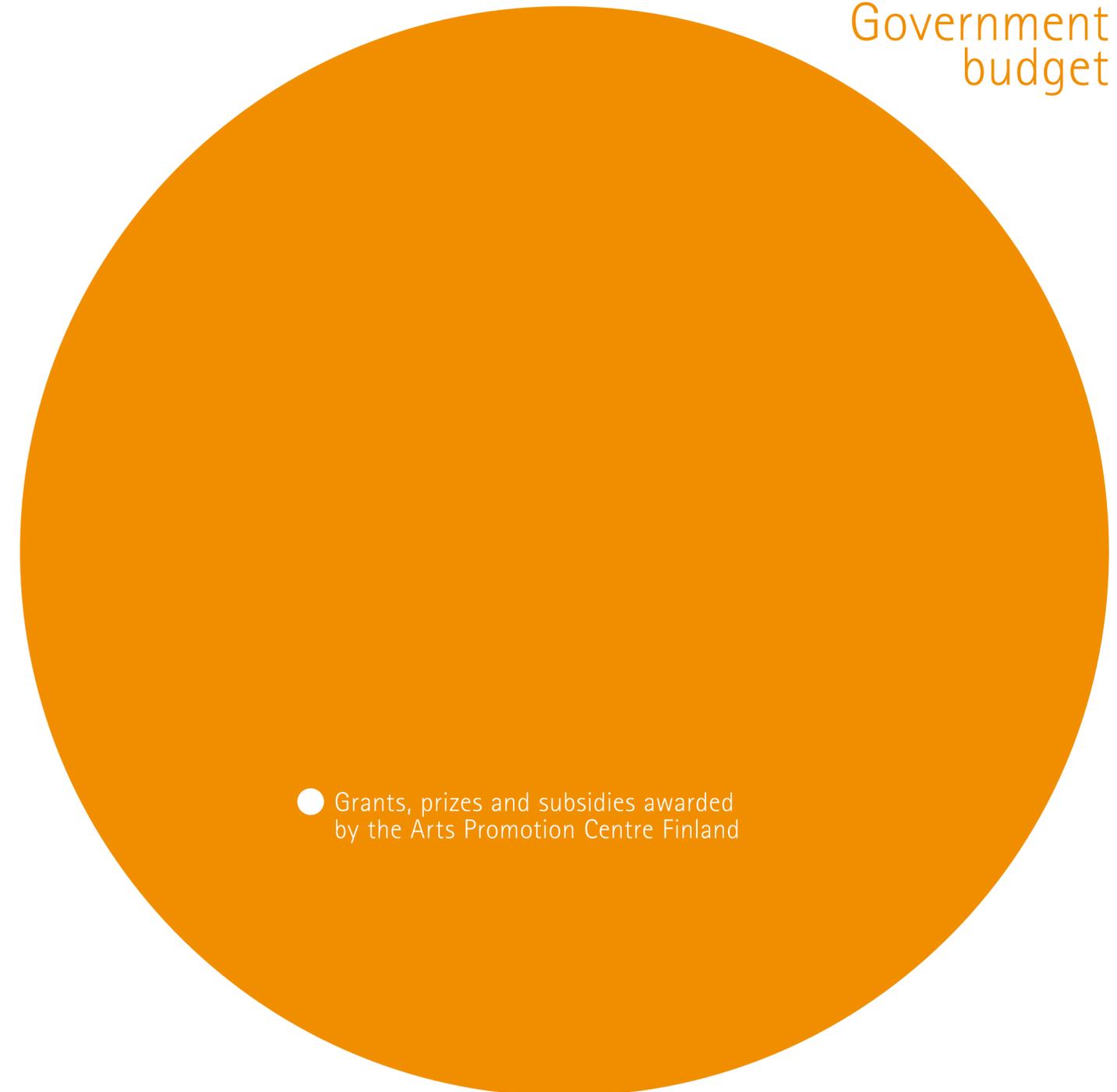
Our mission

The Arts Promotion Centre Finland is an expert agency for promoting the arts. Our mission is to promote the arts on both the national and international levels. We fulfil our mission by awarding grants and prizes to professional artists and subsidies to communities in the field of the arts. In addition, our 40 regional artists promote the arts in projects throughout the country. Two-thirds of the grants and subsidies awarded by us are funded from lottery proceeds.

Each year

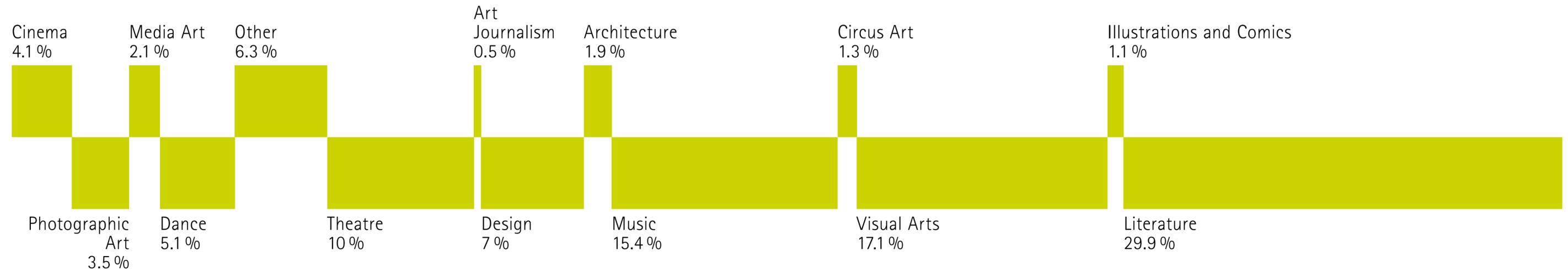
- we distribute 32 million euros (0.06% of the government budget) in the form of grants and state prizes to professional artists and subsidies to communities in the field of the arts
- we review 14,000 applications
- we award 4,000 grants and subsidies
- we provide expert opinions to the Ministry of Education and Culture regarding 800 artist pension applications and applications for festival subsidies and subsidies for associations
- we provide the services of over 40 regional artists in arts promotion projects

Government
budget





Grants for professional artists and subsidies for communities – 32 million euros to support different artforms





Support for artists

· **Artist grants**

Supporting the work of professional artists is the foundation of our grant activities. Each year 600 artists (3% of all professional artists in Finland) work on artist grants. In 2013, our artist grants amounted to 11.1 million euros, each annual artist grant amounting to 19,729 euros of tax-free income. Artist grants range in duration from six months to ten years. Decisions regarding the awarding of artist grants are made by the national arts councils, which are expert bodies of the Arts Promotion Centre Finland. Recipients of 10-year artist grants may use the title of Artist Professor.

· **Project grants**

Project grants are awarded by the national arts councils to support the implementation of individual projects by professional artists and groups. Project grants may be awarded to cover the costs of materials, exhibitions and the production of high-quality photographic works, for example. In 2013, our project grants amounted to 2.5 million euros.

· **Support for drama literature**

Support for drama literature is intended for playwrights who have had a new play performed for the first time in a professional theatre in Finland during the previous year. In 2013, our support for drama literature amounted to 210,000 euros.

· **Grants for art projects promoting multiculturalism**

Grants for art projects promoting multiculturalism are intended to support the artistic activities of immigrants and ethnic minorities, as well as art projects in Finland that promote interaction between different cultures. In 2013, our grants for art projects promoting multiculturalism amounted to 100,000 euros.

· **Artist-in-residence grants**

Artist-in-residence grants are intended to help cover the travel and living costs of professional artists who have been accepted to participate in confirmed international Artists-in-Residence programmes abroad. In 2013, our artist-in-residence grants amounted to 121,870 euros.

· **Travel grants**

Travel grants are intended for professional artists, art experts and groups in all fields of the arts in order to cover foreign travel costs related to artistically significant projects. In 2013, our travel grants amounted to 226,590 euros.

In addition, writers and translators, visual artists, composers, lyricists and arrangers, as well as illustrators and comic artists can also receive grants based on the principle that their works may be publicly available.

· **Grants and subsidies to writers and translators**

Grants and subsidies to writers and translators are intended to support the creative writing work of writers and translators. In addition, elderly writers and translators may apply for grants and subsidies on the grounds of illness or disability. In 2013, our grants and subsidies to writers and translators amounted to 2.7 million euros. These grants and subsidies are awarded by the Board for Grants and Subsidies to Writers and Translators.

· **Grants for visual artists**

These grants are intended to support the five-month work of professional artists based on the principle that their works may be publicly available. The grants are available to professional artists in the fields of the visual arts, photographic arts and industrial arts. In 2013, the grants for visual artists amounted to 960,000 euros. These grants are awarded by the Board for Public Display Grants to Visual Artists.

· **Grants and subsidies for composers, lyricists and arrangers**

These grants and subsidies are intended for composers, lyricists and arrangers whose works have been published in the form of sheet music or recordings, as well as to performing artists whose performances have been preserved by means of audio recordings. In 2013, our grants and subsidies for composers, lyricists and arrangers amounted to 113,000 euros. These grants are awarded by the National Council for Music.

· **Grants for illustrators and comic artists**

Grants for illustrators and comic artists are intended to support the work of illustrators whose works have been published in books or other media and comic artists whose works have been published in comic books, albums or other media. In 2013, our grants for illustrators and comic artists amounted to 73,000 euros.

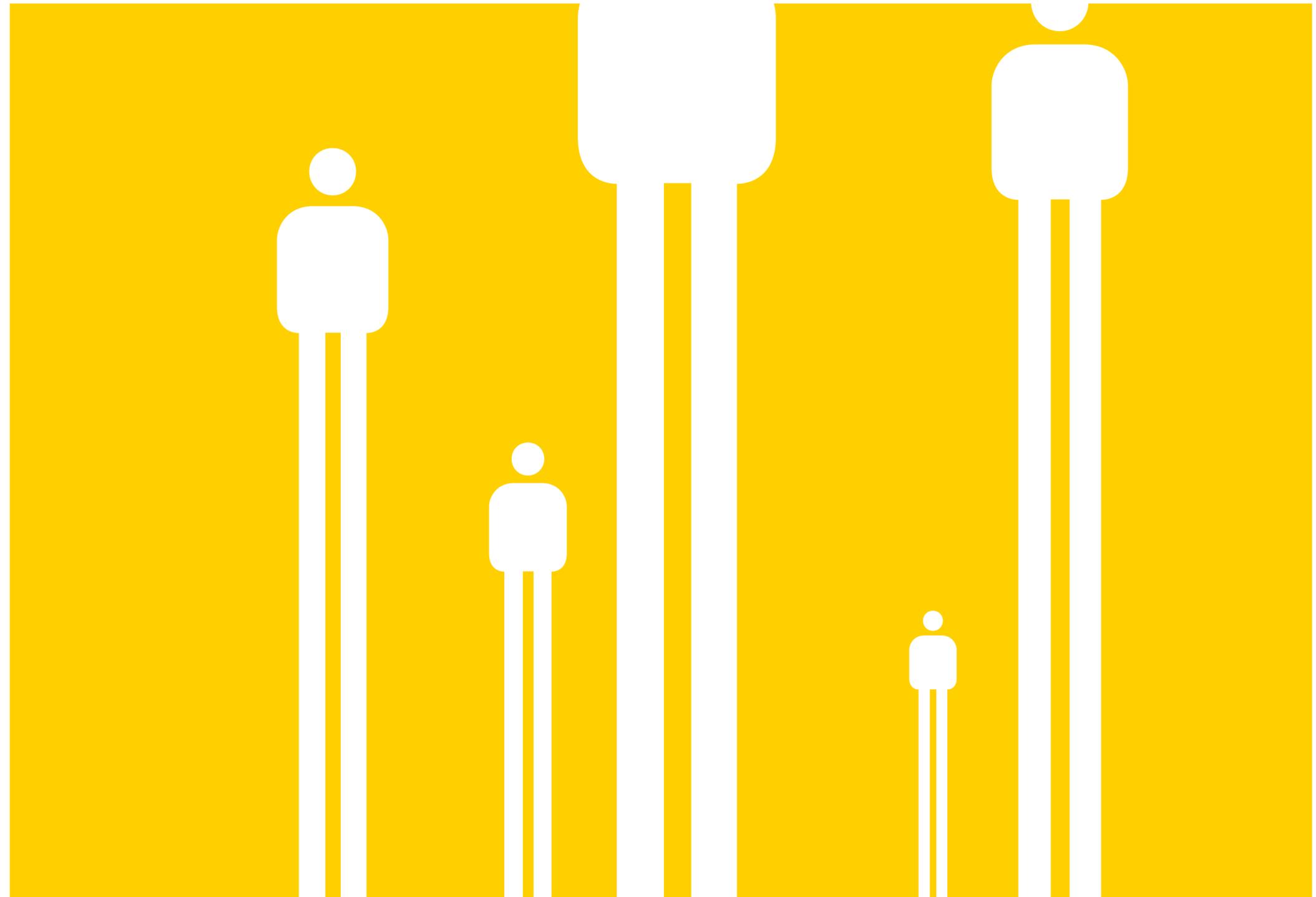


State prizes for the arts

Each year the national arts councils award state prizes of 15,000 euros each to artists in different fields of the arts. In 2013, these state prizes amounted to 230,000 euros.

State prizes are awarded in recognition of a commendable accomplishment or work completed during the past three years, as well as for long-term meritorious activities for the benefit of a certain artform.

State prizes may be awarded to individual artists, a group of artists, an association or other community.



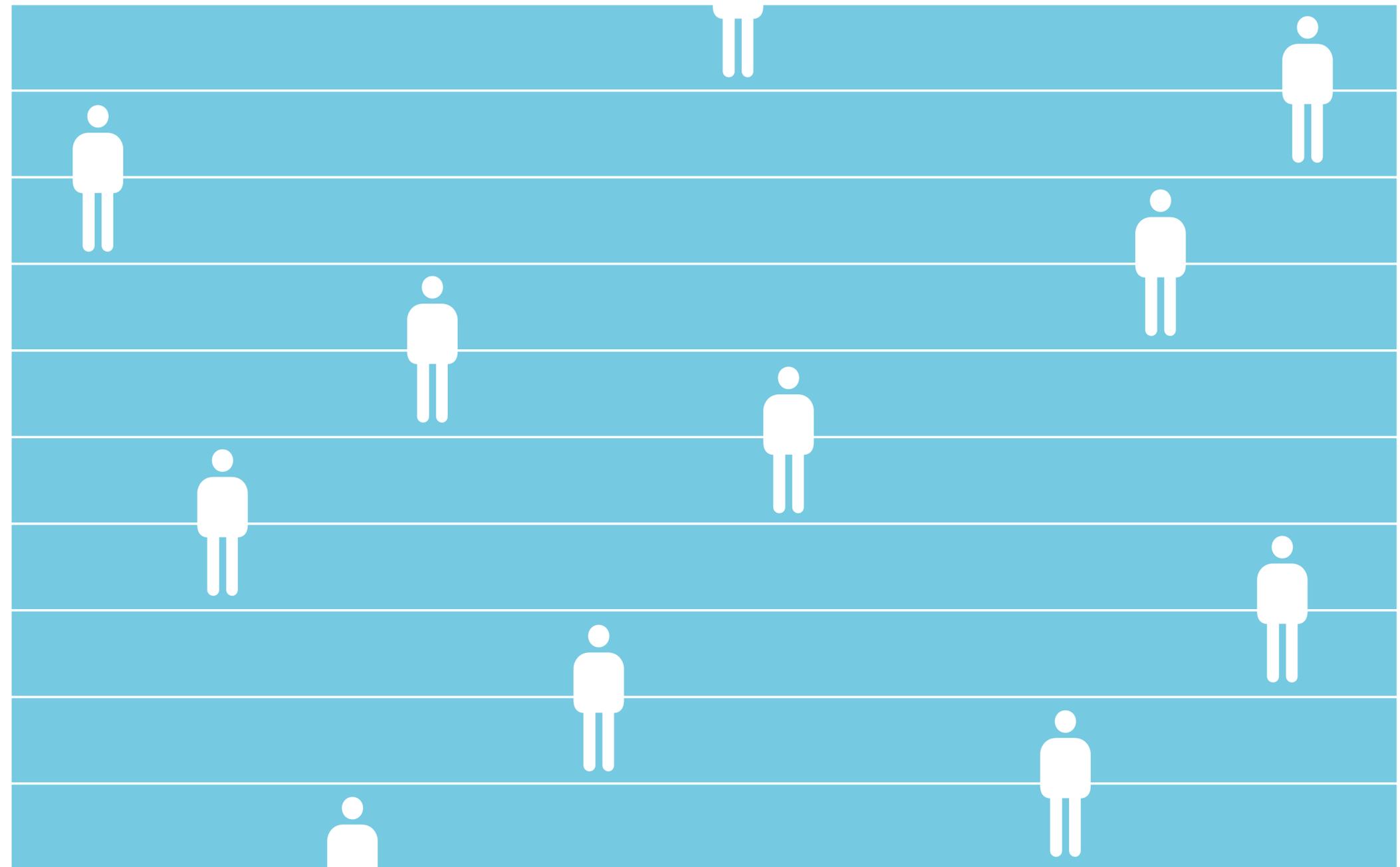


Artist professors and art academics

The President of Finland awards the title of Art Academic to distinguished artists nominated by the Central Arts Council. At any one time there can be up to 11 art academics. The title is ceremonial, and no salary or grant is paid to the holder of the title.

Artist professors were appointed for five-year terms by the Arts Council of Finland, the predecessor of the Arts Promotion Centre Finland. At any one time there could be up to 10 artist professors, who represent particularly gifted and creative artists.

In 2010 Parliament took the decision to replace the positions of artist professors with artist grants. This change was implemented gradually as the current terms come to an end. Recipients of 10-year grants may still use the title of Artist Professor.





Support for communities

· **Operational subsidies for communities** are intended to support the ongoing operations of communities in different fields of the arts, such as associations, foundations, co-operatives and companies. In 2013, our operational subsidies for communities amounted to 6.7 million euros.



Operational subsidies for communities

· **Special subsidies for communities** are intended to support the individual projects of communities in different fields of the arts, such as associations, foundations, co-operatives and companies. In 2013, our special subsidies for communities amounted to 2.2 million euros.



Special subsidies for communities

· **Quality support for film productions** is intended for producers of films or other programmes of high artistic merit to support the development of new productions. In 2013, our quality support for film productions amounted to 518,000 euros.



Quality support for film productions

· **Artist-in-residence subsidies** are intended to help cover the start-up and operating costs of Artists-in-Residence programmes run by municipalities, associations and other communities. In 2013, our artist-in-residence subsidies amounted to 310,000 euros.



Artist-in-residence subsidies

State subsidies for projects that apply the principle "1% of construction costs for art" are intended for communities that invest approximately one percent of construction costs in art when building new facilities or renovating existing ones. In the past two years, responsibility for awarding these subsidies was delegated by the Ministry of Education and Culture to the Arts Promotion Centre Finland. A total of 743,000 euros is available in these pilot subsidies during the period 2013–15.

Subsidies for promoting multiculturalism and combating racism are intended for communities to support activities and projects that promote multiculturalism and intercultural dialogue, the artistic and cultural activities of immigrants and ethnic minorities, and work that combats racism. Responsibility for awarding these subsidies was transferred from the Ministry of Education and Culture to the Arts Promotion Centre Finland as of the beginning of 2015. In 2014, these subsidies amounted to 612,000 euros.

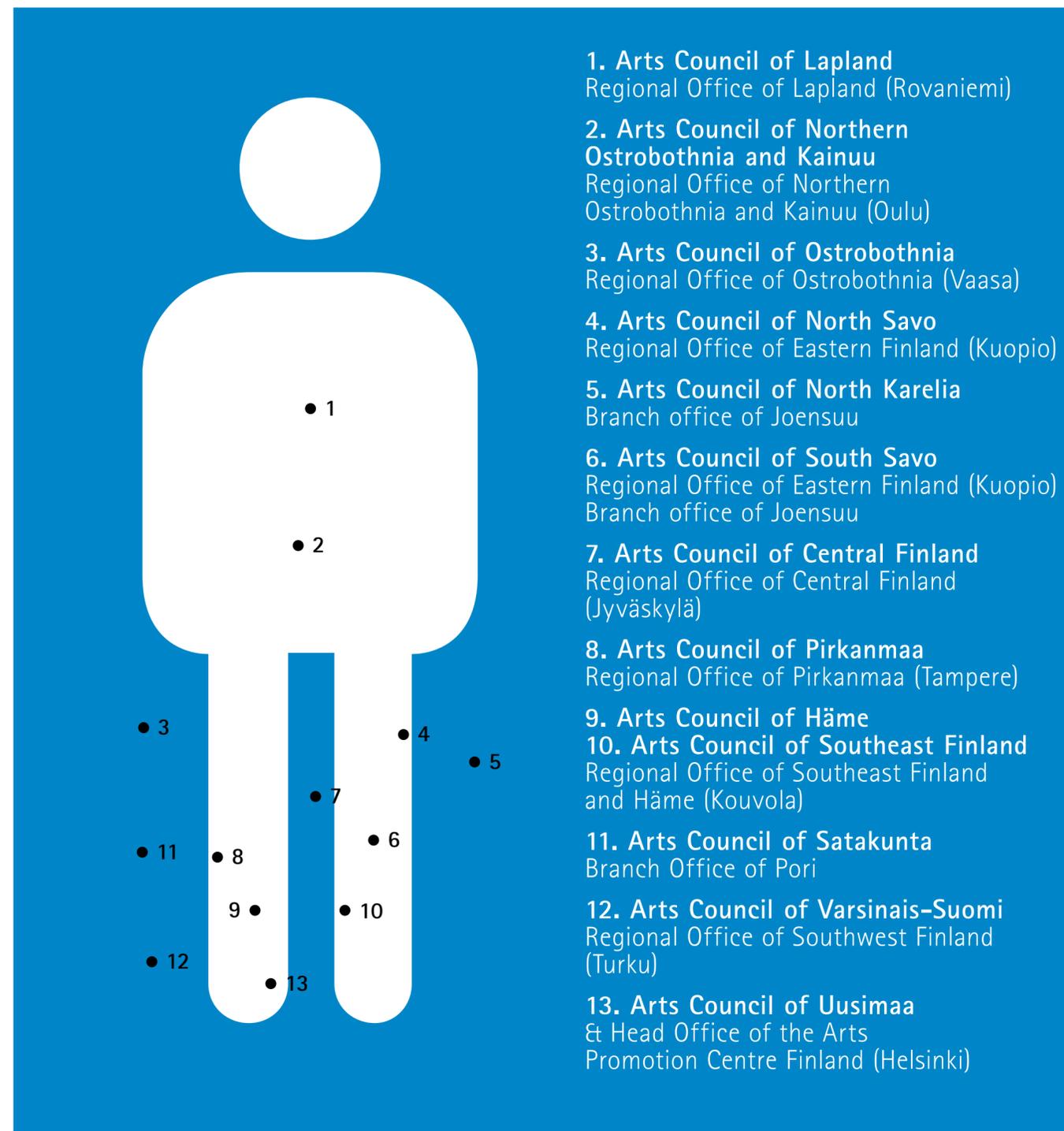


Regional arts promotion

The Arts Promotion Centre Finland has 13 regional arts councils that support local artists by awarding grants and prizes. Subsidies are also awarded to support local arts communities.

In 2013, the regional arts councils distributed a total of 3.7 million euros

- **in working grants** to professional artists and critics
- **in project grants** for individual projects by artists or groups
- **in project grants for children's culture** to support the implementation of individual children's and youth culture projects by professional artists and critics or groups formed by them
- **in art prizes**
- **in subsidies for children's culture** to support projects promoting children's and youth culture by communities, such as associations, foundations, co-operatives, municipalities and companies
- **in subsidies for communities** to support the organising of various art activities, such as exhibitions, seminars, training events and courses, by associations, organisations, foundations and co-operatives
- **in cultural wellbeing special subsidies** to support projects that promote community spirit and everyday creative activities and environments, as well as to support occupational wellbeing by means of culture and art



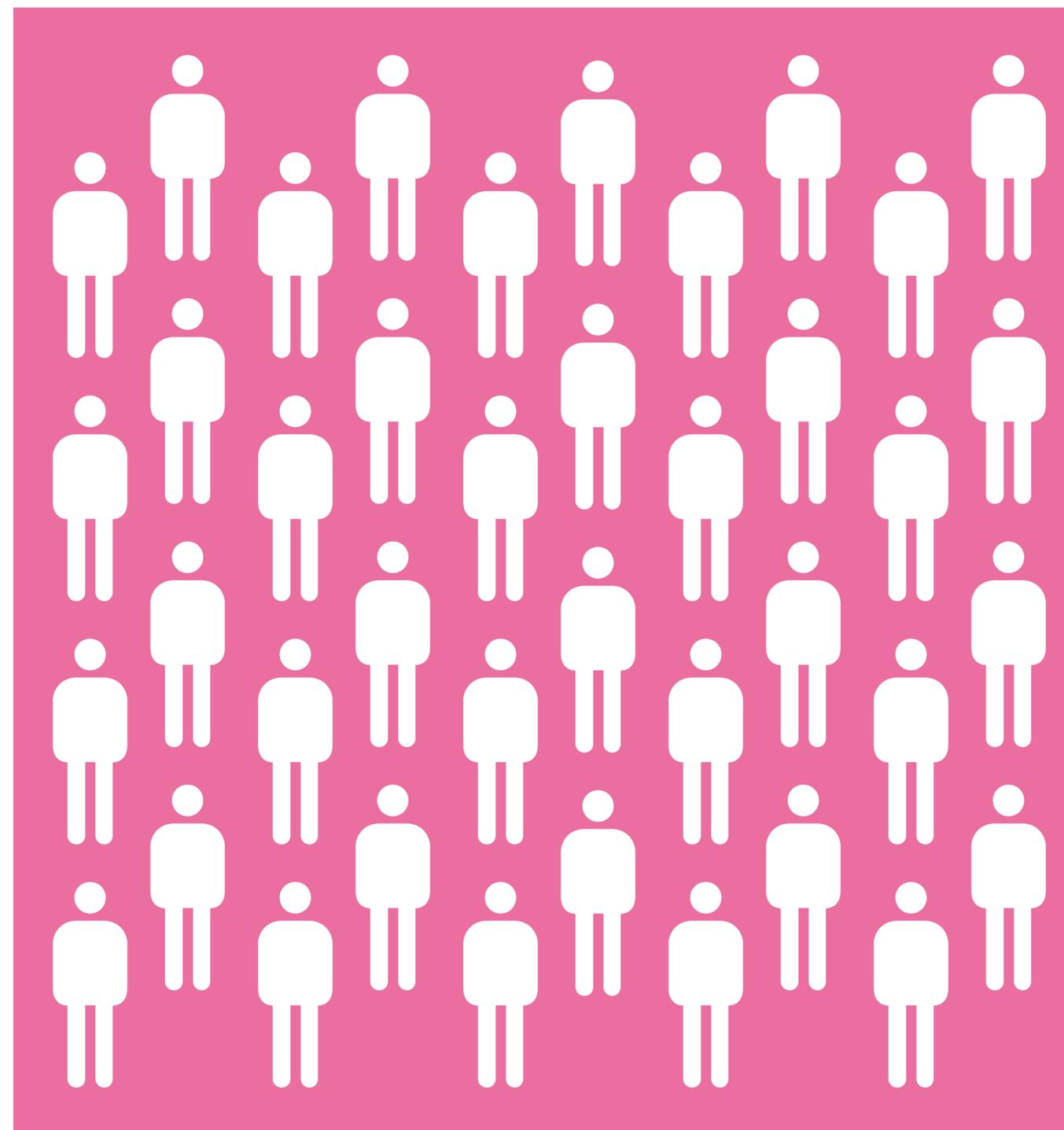


Regional artists in arts promotion projects

Our 40 regional artists work in fixed-term arts promotion projects throughout Finland. The projects may be national, interregional or regional. In 2014–15, nine regional artists are promoting the implementation of projects based on the "1% of construction costs for art" principle, an international model by which art procurements are realised as part of the overall construction project.

In deciding the fields of activity and tasks of the regional artists, the Arts Promotion Centre Finland consults the regional arts councils. The regional artists are selected by the Director of the Arts Promotion Centre Finland and employed on a fixed-term basis for three years. In 2013, the salaries and expenses of regional artists amounted to 1.8 million euros.

See our website for a list of regional artists according to region [▶](#)





Decisions based on peer reviews

Decisions regarding the Arts Promotion Centre Finland's grants are made by its national and regional arts councils, as well as by the Board for Grants and Subsidies to Writers and Translators and the Board for Public Display Grants to Visual Artists. Decisions regarding subsidies are made by the Director of the Arts Promotion Centre Finland based on the proposals of special advisers within its national and regional arts councils.

Expert bodies

- Central Arts Council
- National arts councils (7) and subcommittees for each artform (14)
- Regional arts councils (13)
- Board for Grants and Subsidies to Writers and Translators
- Board for Public Display Grants to Visual Artists.

These expert bodies have 240 members who review grant and subsidy applications at almost 200 meetings a year. The Central Arts Council appoints the members of the national and regional arts councils for two-year terms.

The members of the Central Arts Council in turn are appointed by the Ministry of Education and Culture for three-year terms. The ministry also appoints the members of the Board for Grants and Subsidies to Writers and Translators and the Board for Public Display Grants to Visual Artists for three-year terms.

The members of the national and regional arts councils, subcommittees and boards receive a small fee for attending the meetings, while the members of the Central Arts Council receive a monthly fee.

Members of the expert bodies in 2015–16

· Central Arts Council



9 members

· National arts councils



74 members

· Subcommittees



27 members

· Regional arts councils



112 members

· Boards



18 members

Decision-making based on peer reviews

The expert bodies of the Arts Promotion Centre Finland review all of the applications for grants and subsidies that they receive. The decisions on grants are based on peer reviews of the artistic merits of the applications. The reviews take into consideration regional and linguistic criteria, the amount of funds available and any possible current focus areas of the arts councils.

The reliability of decision-making is supported by the fact that the expert members comprehensively represent the different artforms and regions, and that they can be appointed for a maximum of two consecutive terms.

Find out more about the decision-making criteria on our website

[Criteria for artist grants](#) ➤

[Criteria for project grants](#) ➤

[Criteria for subsidies](#) ➤

[Criteria for operational subsidies](#) ➤

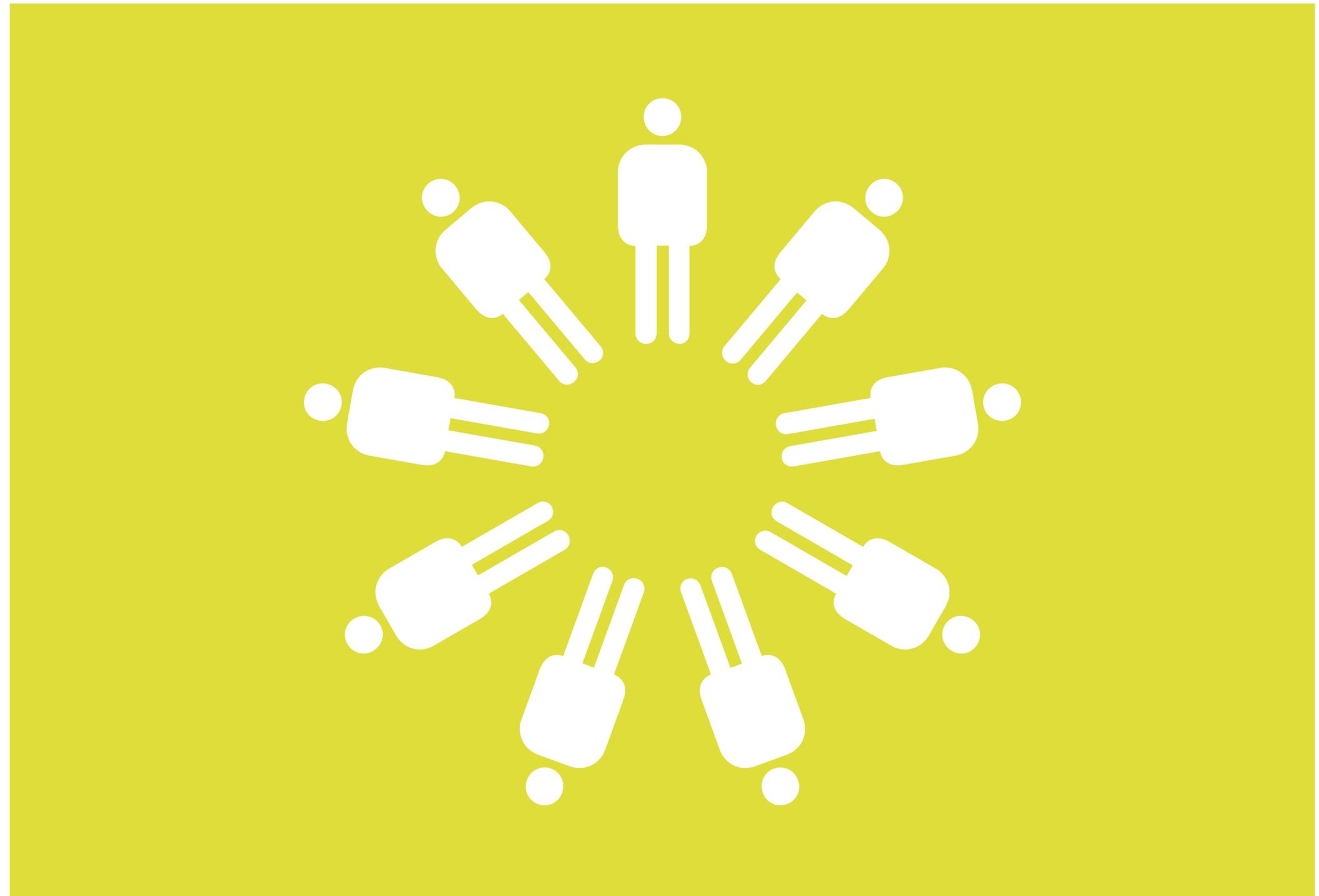


Role of the Central Arts Council

The Central Arts Council is the expert body of the Arts Promotion Centre Finland responsible for deciding the number, names and roles of the national arts councils. The Central Arts Council also appoints the members of the national and regional arts councils for two-year terms.

The Central Arts Council submits proposals to the Arts Promotion Centre Finland regarding the distribution of funds for the arts. It also makes decisions regarding the use of development funds allocated to the Central Arts Council. In addition, the Central Arts Council serves as an advisory body to the Ministry of Education and Culture in policymaking regarding the arts.

The members of the Central Arts Council are appointed by the Ministry of Education and Culture for three-year terms. All members of the Central Arts Council are recognised experts in the fields of the arts and culture.





Organisation in 2015-16

Ministry of Education and Culture

Administrative staff and regional artists
Director
Head office, Helsinki
Regional offices (10)

Support for the arts
Development
Administrative services
Communications

Arts Promotion Centre Finland

Central Arts Council

Board for Grants and Subsidies to Writers and Translators

Board for Public Display Grants to Visual Artists

Expert bodies

National and regional arts councils appointed by the Central Arts Council

- Varsinais-Suomi
- Uusimaa
- Southeast Finland
- South Savo
- Satakunta
- Pirkanmaa
- Ostrobothnia
- Northern Ostrobothnia and Kainuu
- North Savo
- North Karelia
- Lapland
- Häme
- Central Finland

Central Arts Council

- Architecture, Design and Environmental Art
 - Architecture
 - Design
- Audiovisual Art
 - Cinema
 - Media Art
 - Light and Sound Art
- Interdisciplinary Art, Diversity and International Activities
 - Multiculturalism
- Literature
 - Art Journalism
- Music
- Performing Arts
 - Theatre
 - Performance and Live Art
 - Dance
 - Circus
- Visual Arts
 - Visual Art
 - Photographic Art
 - Comics and Illustrations

