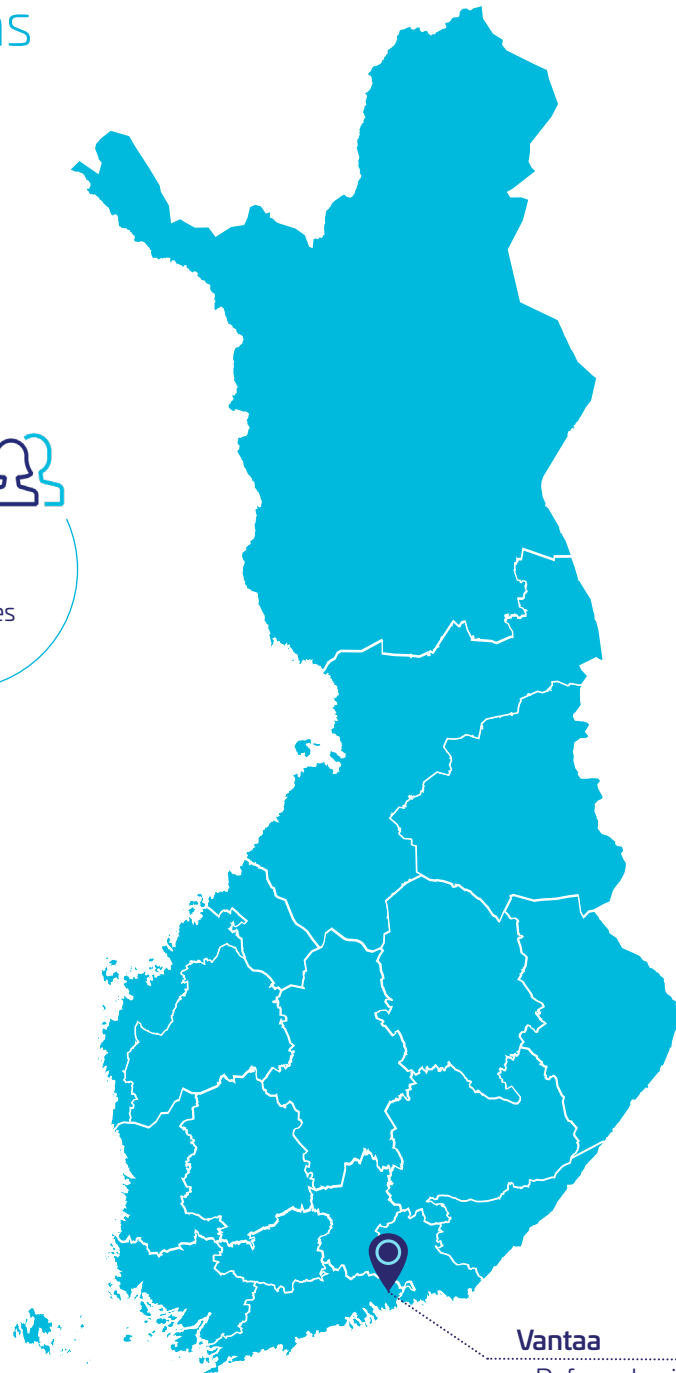


Thales in Finland

Factsheet



Locations



+140 years
of presence

100
employees

1 site

Vantaa

- Defence business
- Cyber & Digital activities
- Passport personalisation



Did you know?

- The Finnish National eID, introduced by Thales, was **the first electronic ID card in the world**.
- Since 2017, **more than 750,000 passports** have been issued every year for Finland.
- Thales signed its first contract for **Military Air Surveillance Radars in Finland in 1988**.

About **Thales**

Thales is a global leader in advanced technologies for the Defence, Aerospace, and Cyber & Digital sectors. Its portfolio of innovative products and services helps address several major challenges: sovereignty, security, sustainability and inclusion.

The Group allocates €4.5 billion per year in Research & Development in key areas, particularly for critical environments, such as Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity, Quantum and Cloud technologies.

Thales has more than 85,000 employees in 65 countries. In 2025, the Group generated sales of €22.1 billion.

Thales in Finland

Thales has been a key partner of the Finnish authorities and governmental institutions since the 1880s in civil and defence domains. Since then, Thales has increased its footprint through the provision of Military Air Surveillance Radars, where the first contract was signed in 1988 and the second in 2009.

Thales is also a partner for Air Traffic Management providing Air Control Systems to the civil aviation sector. In the Cyber & Digital area, the company dates back to 1885, when the Bank of Finland Banknote Printing Works was founded.

Since 1987, Thales has been the passport supplier to the Finnish Authorities and in 1998, introduced the National eID card, the first electronic ID card in the world.



Defence

Addressing a growing range of ever-changing threats, Thales supports nations and their armed forces to make the right decisions at the right time through advanced technologies, solutions and services – in the land, sea, and air domains. From cybersecurity to AI, we are constantly innovating to give armed forces the decisive edge.

Thales in Finland has a longstanding partnership with the Finnish Defence Forces. Thales offers a wide range of solutions for air, land, naval and joint forces in areas such as command & control systems, surveillance, detection and intelligence systems.

The Finnish Army Ground Based Air Defence (GBAD) operates units with the highly mobile Crotale air defence missile systems. Thales also provides maintenance support through a local company, Millog.

Thales supports the Finnish Air Force with advanced air defence capabilities, supplying and upgrading GM400 Air Defence radars in a joint procurement with Estonia. Thales ensures the radars remain at the cutting edge through ongoing maintenance and upgrade services, contributing to Finland's airspace surveillance and defence readiness.



Civil Aviation

Thales, a major player in avionics, aircraft cabin systems, air traffic management and digital identity, is helping to build the sustainable, connected aeronautics of tomorrow by offering a unique passenger experience in airports and in flight, optimizing flight operations and enabling the safe integration of new types of aircraft in airspace, capitalizing on cutting-edge technologies such as AI and cybersecurity.

Since the first Thales Air Traffic Management centre was built in the late 90s, Thales has been the service provider to the Finnish air navigation service, FINAVIA. After several updates, the current Air Traffic Management centre at TOPSKY ATC now covers the entire country including military and smaller civil airports.

Thales is providing the FINEST system to Finland and Estonia, aiming at ensuring a world-class safe and cost-effective Thales Air Traffic Management system.



Space

Thales Alenia Space offers institutions, governments, companies and operators a wide range of space solutions – satellites, ground segments, end-to-end-systems – for telecommunications, satellite navigation, earth observation, science and space exploration.

Thales has a number of ongoing activities together with partners within the Finnish space eco-system, aiming to provide space assets according to current requirements and capability targets. Thales is also committed to engaging in continual dialogue with end-users and Finnish Ministry of Defence to better understand the challenges they face in the space domain.



Cyber & Digital

In a world where the number of digital connections and cyberattacks are constantly growing, Thales provides products and services which create a circle of trust between people and the digital services they rely on. The world's leading companies and governments in 180 countries trust us to secure people's and objects' identities, personal and sensitive data and their most critical applications. Our cybersecurity and digital identity technologies are designed to offer solutions for a more sustainable digital transformation.

Thales is a trusted partner to the Finnish, Baltic and Nordic Authorities and conducts research and development across a range of secure documents, e.g. passport and ID cards. Since 2017, more than 750,000 passports have been issued per year on average for Finland.

In Finland, Thales also provides a wide range of market leading IoT solutions perfectly adapted for the Finnish market context such as Smart Metering solutions for utilities and grid managers within the energy market. For the Finnish Healthcare system, Thales provides state of the art solution in security and connectivity.

Thales also provides Cyber Security Products committed to safeguarding critical information infrastructures across the public and private sectors. Thales' solutions are trusted by customers in the governmental sector, the financial sector and healthcare & telecommunications industries. From state-level agencies to commercial operators, we serve a wide spectrum of organisations that require robust protection of data, identities and digital services.



Sustainability Commitments



At the Thales premises in Vantaa, Thales is decreasing emissions and progressing in a low carbon future strategy:

- The site has been operating with 100% renewable electricity since 2019, and the share of low-carbon energy sources is increasing.
- The recycling rate of non-hazardous waste has improved from 16% in 2023 to 51% in 2025.

Thales in Finland holds the following certifications:

ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 27001, ISO 45001



Local Partnerships



Thales' strategy is to best serve national markets by establishing local partnerships. Our core competencies are in Civil and Military Sectors, support on industrial participation, system engineering, life cycle services & support in several domains, extension of product life time and also cybersecurity solutions.

Between 2015-2020, Thales supported Finnish defence company Conlog by providing optronic sites for the Finnish Army's tracked armoured infantry vehicle (BMP2) as a part of a mid-life upgrade program, for which Conlog was the prime contractor.

Furthermore, Thales collaborates with VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland Ltd on a regular basis especially in EDF related mutually interesting topics.



Annexes/ List of Historical References



Defence



In 2009, the Finnish Air Force signed a contract for upgrading the radars and selected the GM400 Air Defence radars in a joint procurement with Estonia.



In 2022, Thales signed a contract for the mid-life upgrade for the GM400 radars together with Estonia.



Civil aviation



Since the first Thales Air Traffic Management center was built the late 90s, Thales has been the service provider to the Finnish air navigation service, FINAVIA.



In 2025, Thales was selected to supply TOPSKY ATC to Finland.



Cyber & Digital



In 2019, Thales produced over 10 mill. biometric passports for more than 30 countries in the world.



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