

Finland's Governments proposal for Information Society Code

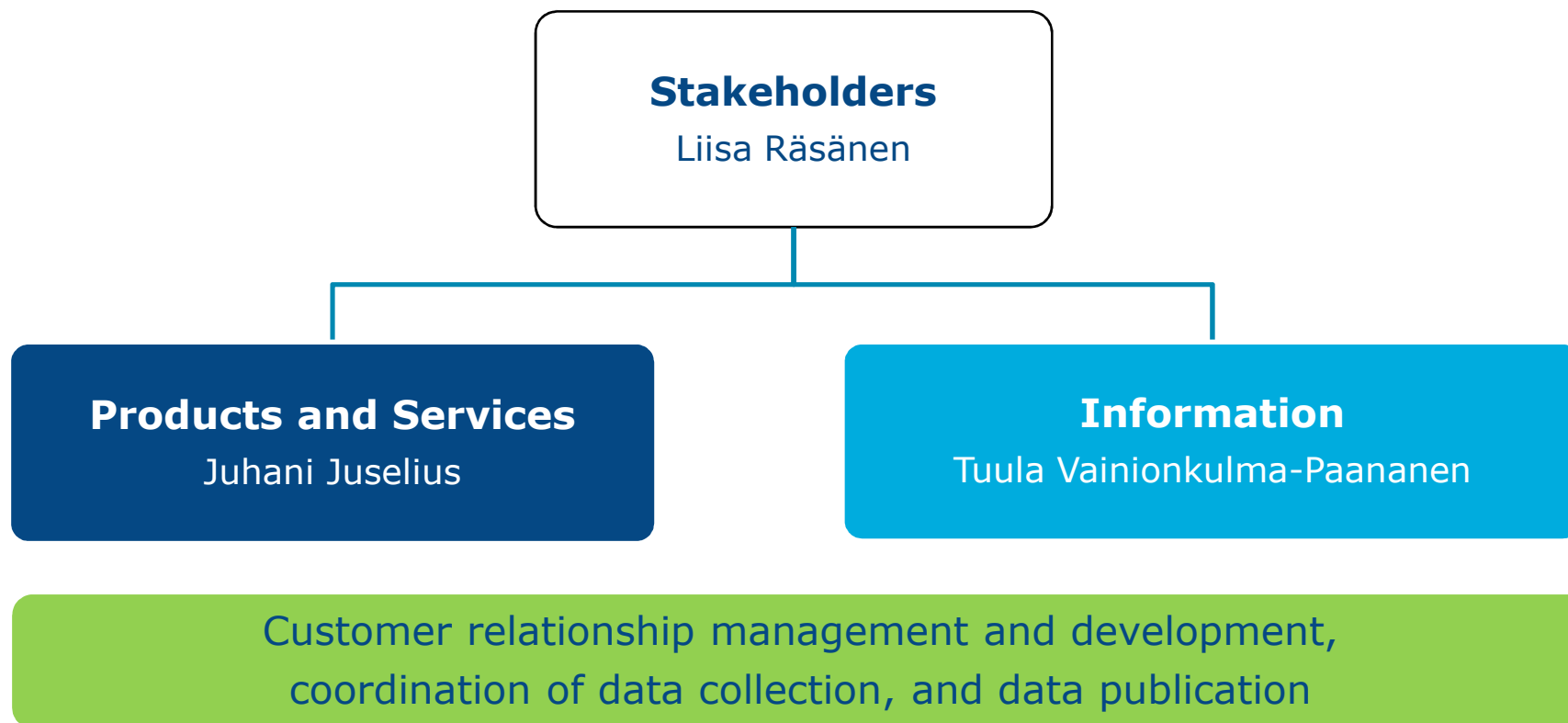
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The Stakeholders Division



Responsibilities of Groups within the Stakeholders Division

Products and Services

- Fi-domain names
- Numbering
- Short-term radio and TV licences
- Handling of undeliverable postal items

Information

- Customer service
- Legal guidance
- Technical guidance
- Economic guidance

The new Information Society Code

- In September 2011 The Ministry of Transport and Communications announced a plan to gather regulations for electronic communications to one act
 - » eight acts and about 490 sections consolidated to form the new code, now down to 350 sections
 - » proposition submitted to Parliament 30.1.2014, should come to force 1.1.2015, for domain names 5.9.2016
- Laws included in the code are:
 - » Communications Market Act
 - » Act on the Protection of Privacy in Electronic Communications

The new Information Society Code

- » Radio Act and Act on Television and Radio Operations
 - » Act on auctioning certain radio frequencies
 - » Act on the Provision of Information Society Services
 - » Act on the Prohibition of Certain Illicit Devices for Accessing Protected Services
 - » Domain name Act
- Important objectives are to ensure functional communications markets, eliminate overlapping, clarify and update the content of the regulations
 - A study made by consultants (6/2012) suggested the liberalization of the present Domain Name Act

Government proposal and domain names: changes suggested

- No direct registrations for holders anymore
 - » The registrar does everything (new registrations, payments, renewals, transfers)
- Anyone can register a .fi domain name
 - » At present holder must have a connection to Finland + 15 years of age when a natural person
- E-mail address can be used in informing about the decisions in dispute resolution (processual address)
- Some changes in the concepts (holder-> user)

Changes suggested...

- Warehousing for the purpose of redelivery will not be forbidden anymore
- No black list in the future
 - » Insulting expressions/inciting into criminal activity
 - » Domain names used globally or as a country code will become available for registration (for example com.fi, hk.fi...)
- The combination of a natural person's first and last name no longer protected unless included in a protected trademark or tradename

Changes suggested...

- New faster way to resolve clear typocases
 - » FICORA's power to delete a domain name for max. one year without hearing
- FICORAs right to forbid the registrar to provide services to customers for max. one year
- FICORA can act to ensure information security by necessary means without hearing the holder/user of the domain name

Changes suggested...

- Important, new requirements for registrars:
 - » to be responsible for the information security of its registrar operations
 - » To inform FICORA of security incidents
- FICORAs right to make regulations concerning registrars operations becomes wider and more specific (quality of the services, information security)
- FICORA has formed an open working group, possibility to be involved in drafting regulations
- Informing of the changes is a challenge: domain name sections scattered in 5 parts of the law

Thank you! Kiitos!

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