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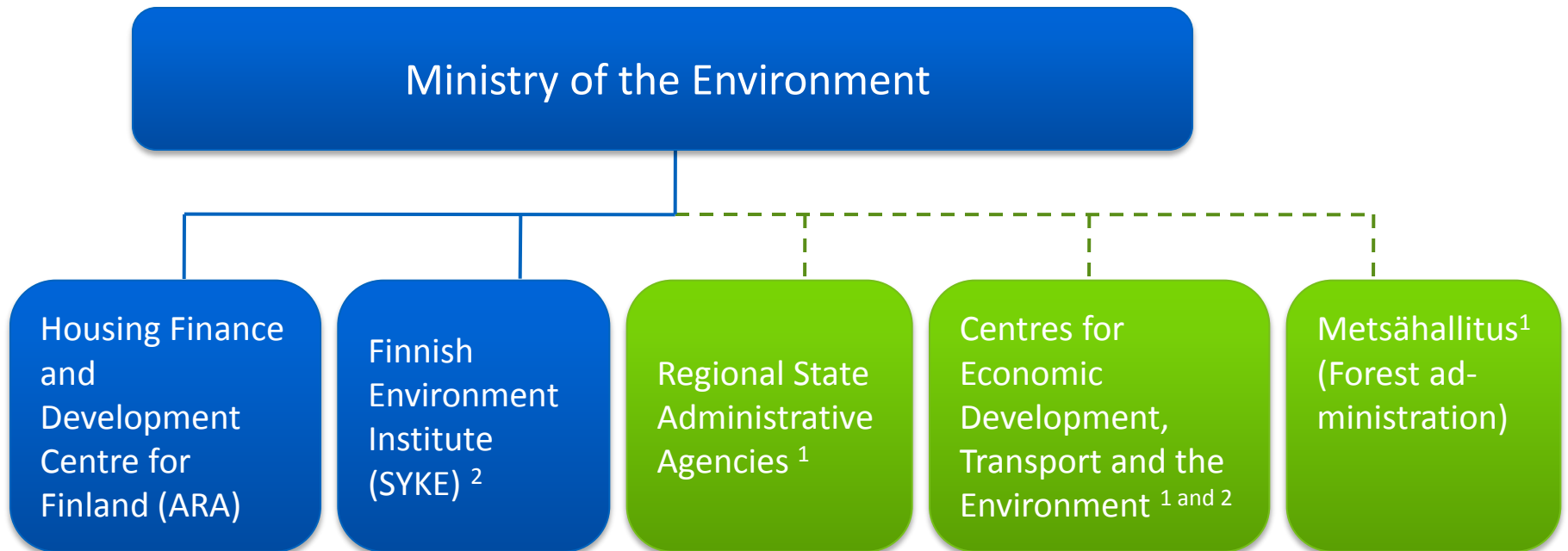
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- 1) The Ministry of the Environment guides the work related to environmental issues of the Regional State Administrative Agencies and the Centres for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment. Additionally, the Ministry guides the nature conservation work of the Natural Heritage Services Unit for Metsähallitus.
- 2) The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry is responsible for the work related to water resource management of the Finnish Environment Institute and the Centres for Economic Development Transport and the Environment.

Who is who in air pollution control (1)

- *Ministry of the Environment* is responsible of the air pollution legislation and policy implementation in Finland
- *Finnish Environment Institute* is responsible for emission reporting and inventories including modelling of emissions
- *Finnish Meteorological Institute* has shared responsibility on air quality monitoring with *municipalities*, and responsible for reporting of the results
- 4 (out of 6) *Regional State Administrative Agencies* issue environmental permits to large installations, including permits for large combustion plants
- 13 *Centres for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment* are responsible for supervision of the large installations and have regional responsibility on air pollution

Who is who in air pollution control (2)

- 313 *Municipalities* are responsible for the air quality on their territory, are responsible for air quality measurements, issue environmental permits to small installations, and are responsible for supervision of small installations
- Municipalities often collaborate with each other on air quality related issues
- *Installations and operators* are responsible on their emissions, emission monitoring, and reporting to authorities based on their environmental permit
- *Finnish Air Pollution Prevention Society* has been active in air pollution for 40 years, connecting all relevant actors in air pollution control