



## Template 1.2 Report: Description of the Governance Model

Villa Elba is a non-profit company owned by the town of Kokkola. It is one of the 9 Finnish National Youth Centres supported and observed by the Ministry of Education and Culture. We are specialized in youthwork, and our function is to develop the methods used in the field of youth work, to act as a centre for developing the skills of the youth and enable young people's mobility: domestically and abroad. The centres are run under the Finnish Youth Act. In Villa Elba works 16 full-time employees and about 20 young volunteers, trainees, and other staff annually.

Villa Elba have been a member of the steering committee for several years prior to taking on the responsibility for the national Anna Lindh network in Finland. The members voted in August 2022 online and chose us to be the coordinator. In October 2022 we made the agreement with the international Anna Lindh administration for the rest of the period.

Villa Elba is a limited company owned by the municipality of Kokkola and a part of the Kokkola group. Villa Elba has an own board of directors chosen by the municipality/owner. The board of directors have chosen a CEO to lead the company. The organization chart of Villa Elba is as follows, the work is divided into 3 teams: The pedagogical team that, the service team and the administrative team. The team leaders form the operating committee that make the necessary decisions both on a practical and a strategical level. The Anna Lindh coordination works is a part of the pedagogical team.

For the Anna Lindh coordination work have we collected an internal working group that consist of the ALF project worker, the team leader for the pedagogical team, two project workers from international youth work and the CEO. This group support and help the ALF worker in her work. We have meetings 1-2 times per month. Responsible for the coordination is CEO and the team leader for the pedagogical team together.

The network in Finland have in March 2022 at a hybrid meeting chosen a steering committee for the years 2022-2024 that have 4 members and 2 deputy members <https://www.annalindhfinland.fi/suomen-verkosto/> . This steering committee is representing the members. The steering committee have meetings 2-3 times per year. There was 1 meeting in December 2022 that were to be a face-to-face meeting but the members wanted to have an online/hybrid meeting so it was. There will be an online meeting in March 2023.

In the internal rules are said what the steering committees' mission is:

1. Plans and evaluates the actions of the Finnish Network together with the NC and in accordance to the demands and limitations set by the Finnish MFA and the Anna Lindh Foundation.
2. Selects the representatives of the Finnish Network and the Finnish civil society to international Anna Lindh Foundation meetings, and selects the guests invited to Finland by the HoN.



3. Informs the public at large of the activities of the ALF and the Finnish Network, and shares its best practices.

We think this governance model is a modern and transparent way of coordinating a network. Every member have possibility to take part, give opinions etc. All it takes is to be active.

During our 5 months of coordinating the Finish network we have as the HoN accepted two new members; researcher Malika-Aisha El Bardi and Suomen Palestiinalaisten Siirtokuntayhdistys ry – organisation. The total amount of members today is 103.

We have reached out to the old members to get in contact with them, ask their opinions on activities and interest to still be a member if they are passive. We have not yet reached all, because the contact information is in many cases wrong or we do not get any answers. We will continue this work.

We think the strengths at the moment are

- As HoN we have
  - o the knowledge and experience to work in networks
  - o as an actor in the youth field, we will have more of activities about this issue
- The steering committee
  - o have competent members with a genuine interest
- The internal working group
  - o have competent members that work very well with international youth work in ways we also can implement in the ALF work

and weaknesses

- As HoN we have
  - o not yet the routine and enough knowledge about the members and their needs
  - o to learn more about ALF as a whole and in different countries
- The steering committee
  - o need to be more involved
- The internal working group
  - o also need more info on ALF in general