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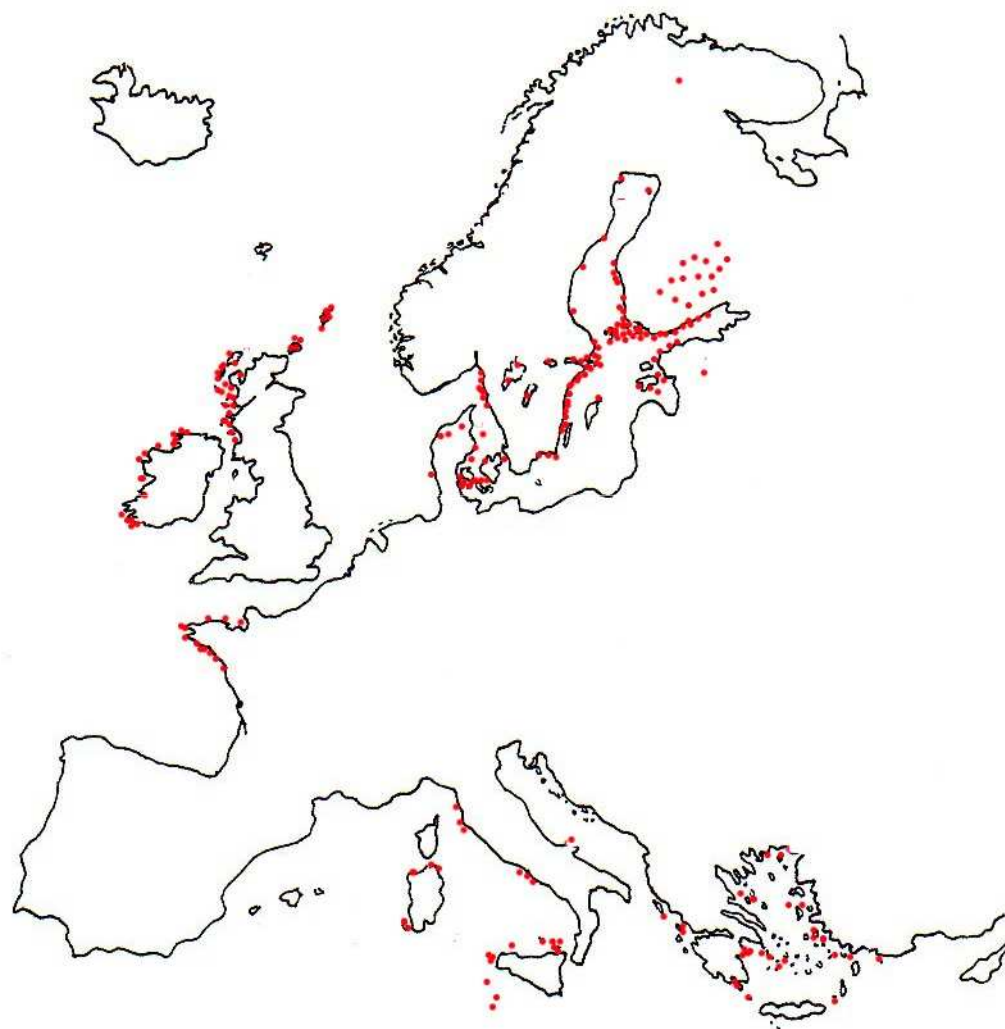
ESIN Objectives

- **To promote co-operation between small islands within the EU**
- **To share the benefits of experience of sustainable development**
- **To influence National and EU Regional Development Policies**



**1200 small
islands**

**More than
400 000
inhabitants**





9 Members

- **Denmark**
- **Estonia**
- **Finland**
- **France**
- **Greece**
- **Ireland**
- **Italy**
- **Scotland**
- **Sweden**

Sammenslutningen af Danske småøer

Association of Danish Small Islands



**27 small islands with 5100 inhabitants
ranging from 10 to 890**

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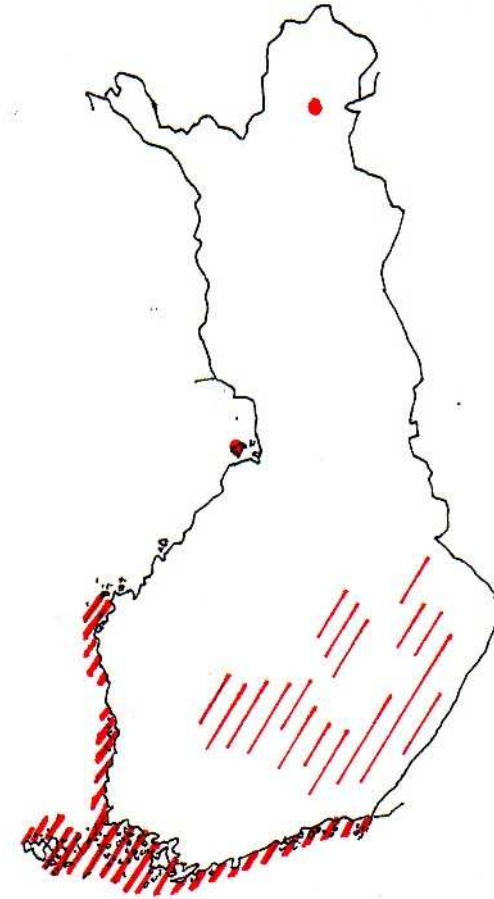


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Finnish Islands, FÖSS

**Totally in Finland 8.700
islanders on 431 islands,
ranging from 1 to 972.**

**In Finland also the region
Åland with 26.000 inhabitants
on 25 islands, 24 of them with
less than 600 inhabitants**





Association des Iles du Ponant



15.000 inhabitants on 15 islands
ranging from 186 to 4834

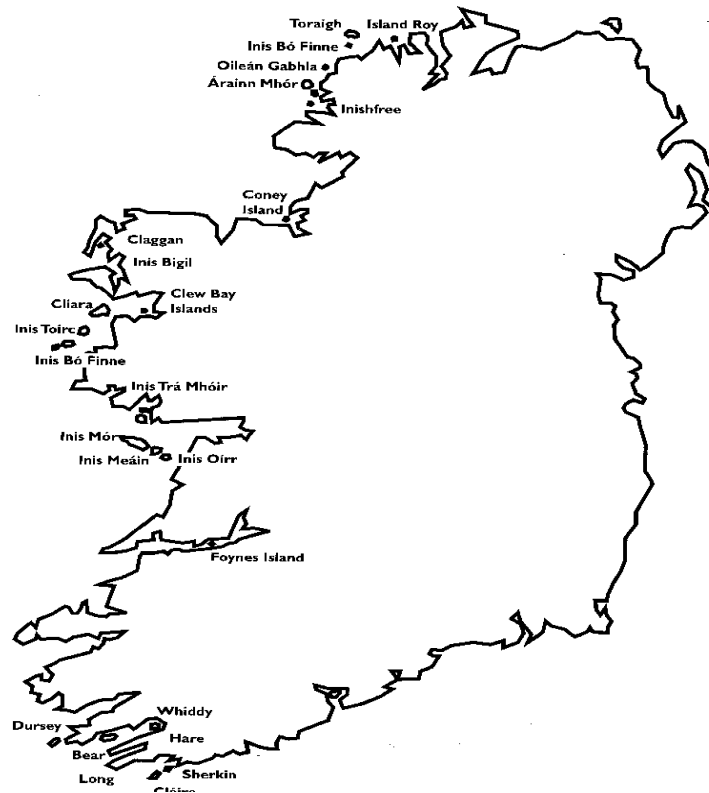
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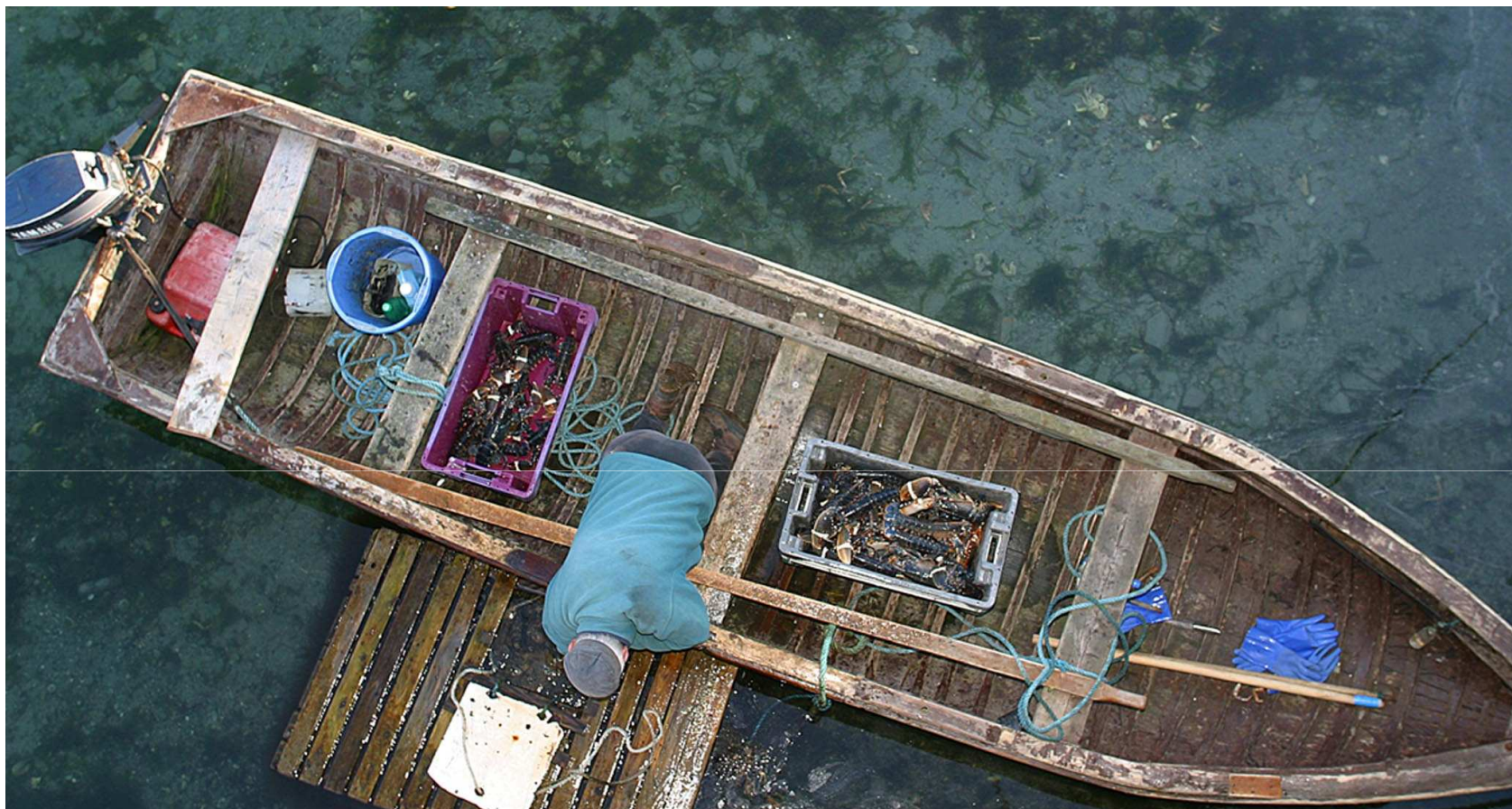
Comhdháil Oileáin na hÉireann

Federation of Irish Islands



**33 islands with about 3000 inhabitants
ranging from 1 to 824**

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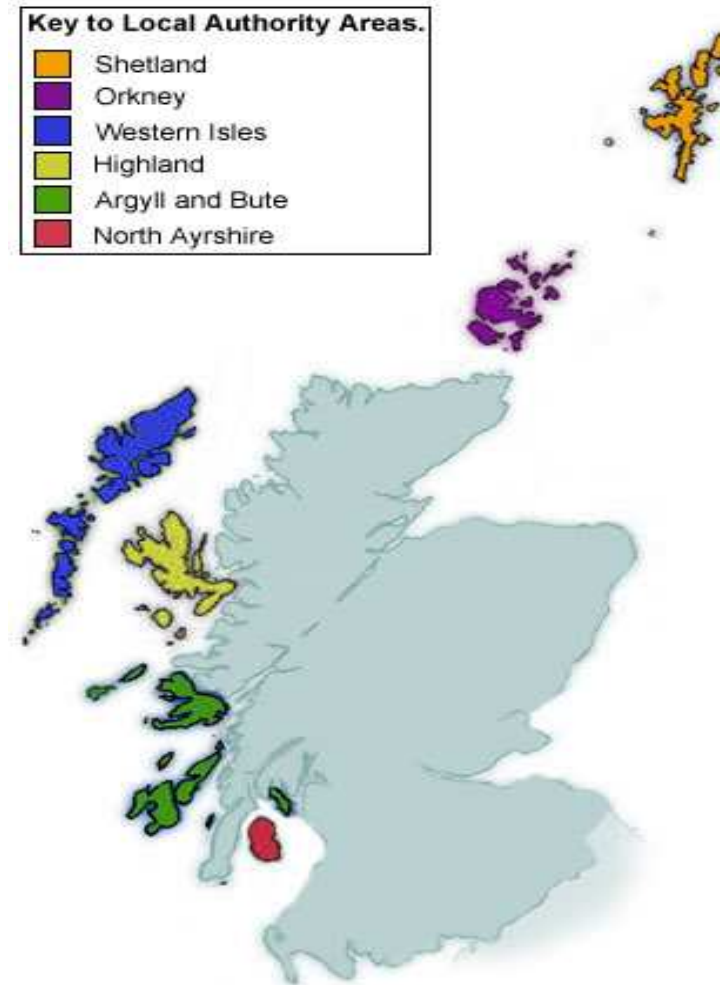
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Scottish Islands Federation

**89 inhabited islands
with totally 90 000
inhabitants**

From 1 to 20 000

**Among them
Shetland, Orkney and
Western Isles with 55
islands have regional
status**





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Skärgårdarnas Riksförbund

The National Association for the Swedish Archipelagos

**14 member
organisations from
regions with
archipelago habitat**

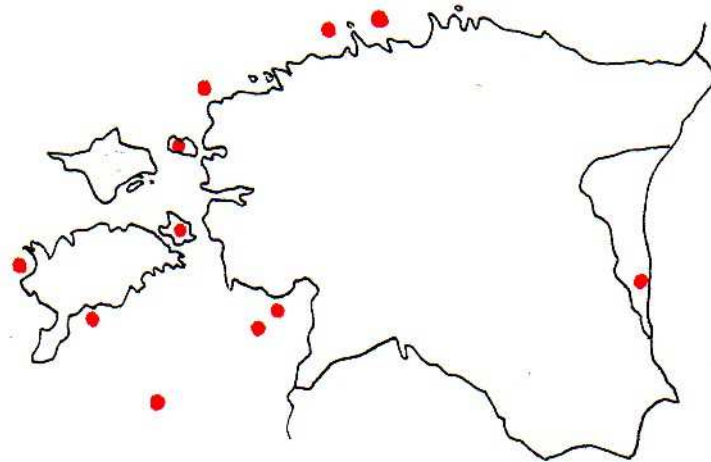
**32.000 inhabitants on
576 islands, ranging
from 1 - 5000**





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Association of Estonian Islands



**Totally in Estonia 47.000
islanders on 16 islands**

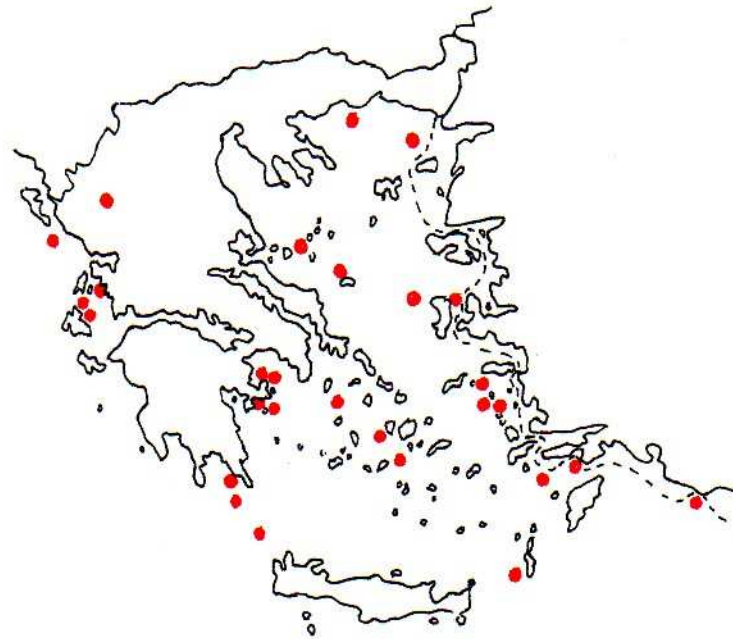
**Two of them are regions,
with 44.000 islanders**

**14 are small islands with
1 – 500 inhabitants**

Hellenic Small Island Network

**Small islands are
islands with less than
5000 inhabitants**

**48 member islands with
totally 65 000
islanders.**





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ANCIM

Associazione Nazionale Comuni Isole Minori

29 inhabited small islands

**About 180 000 islanders
ranging from 17 to 57 000**



From Network to Federation

A small change but a big step





A Federation of Associations

One member from each country

Each member have national responsibility

One board member from each association



A working secretariat

In Auray in Brittany, France

In cooperation with

L'Association des Iles du Ponant

A website (tomorrow)

www.europeansmallislands.net



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ESIN's two missions

Exchange experience between islands

Influence EU island policy



Promote cooperation 2008 - 2013

Interreg project for exchange of experience

Cooperation between Leader areas



Influence policy

Facts and Fiction

Espon study on Island facts and needs



Cooperation for influence

**Small islands, big islands, small islands in
mainland regions, small islands in islands
regions**

The importance of the islands experience



Cooperation for influence

**The proposed EU treaty
gives attention to islands
Article 158 brings together a new family**







The European Islands

**A growing family
in numbers and in importance**