

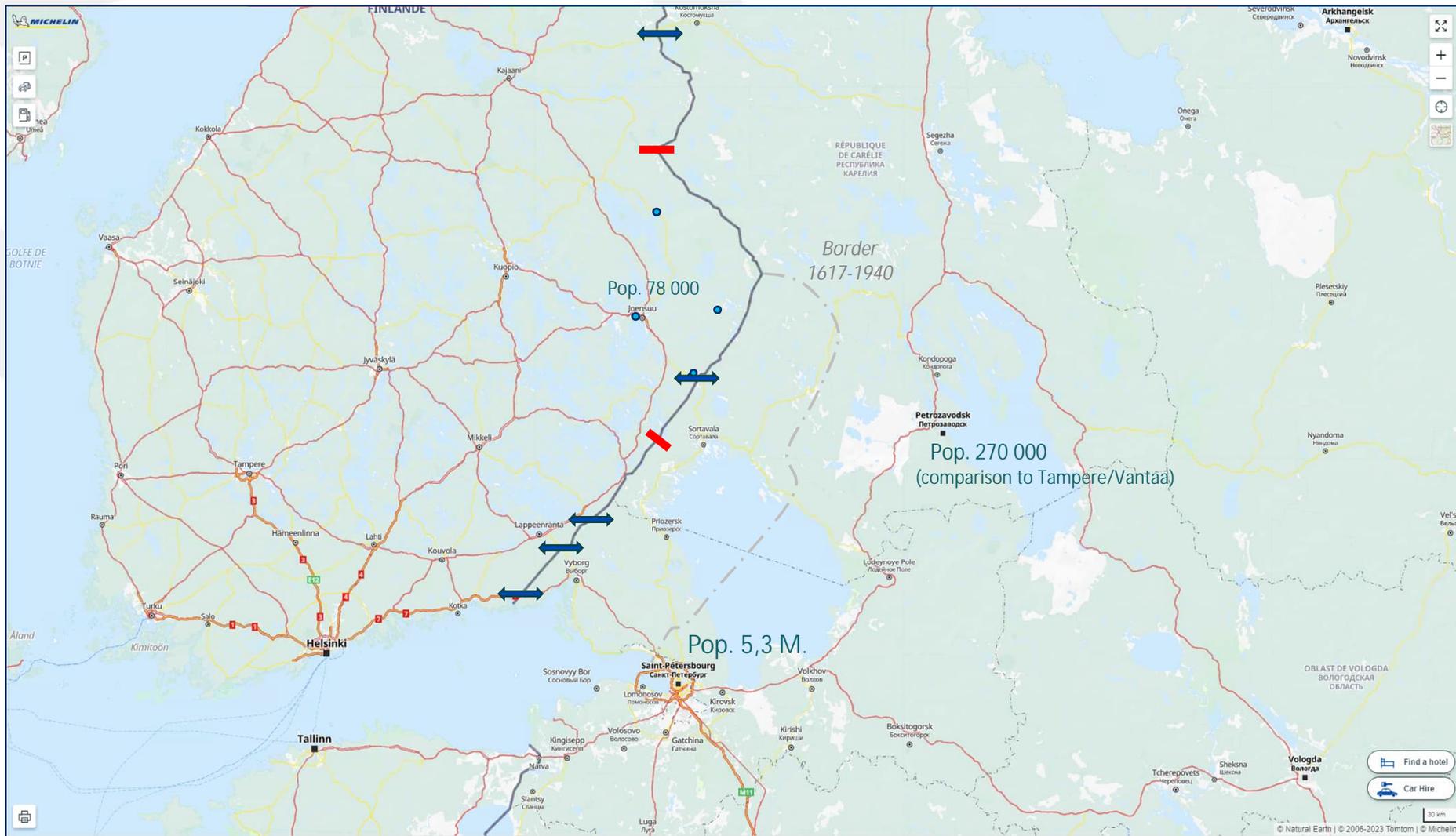


# SAFETY AND SECURITY IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES

Finnish Border Guard  
North Karelia Border Guard District

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Commander of the District

# Operational environment



# MAIN TASKS

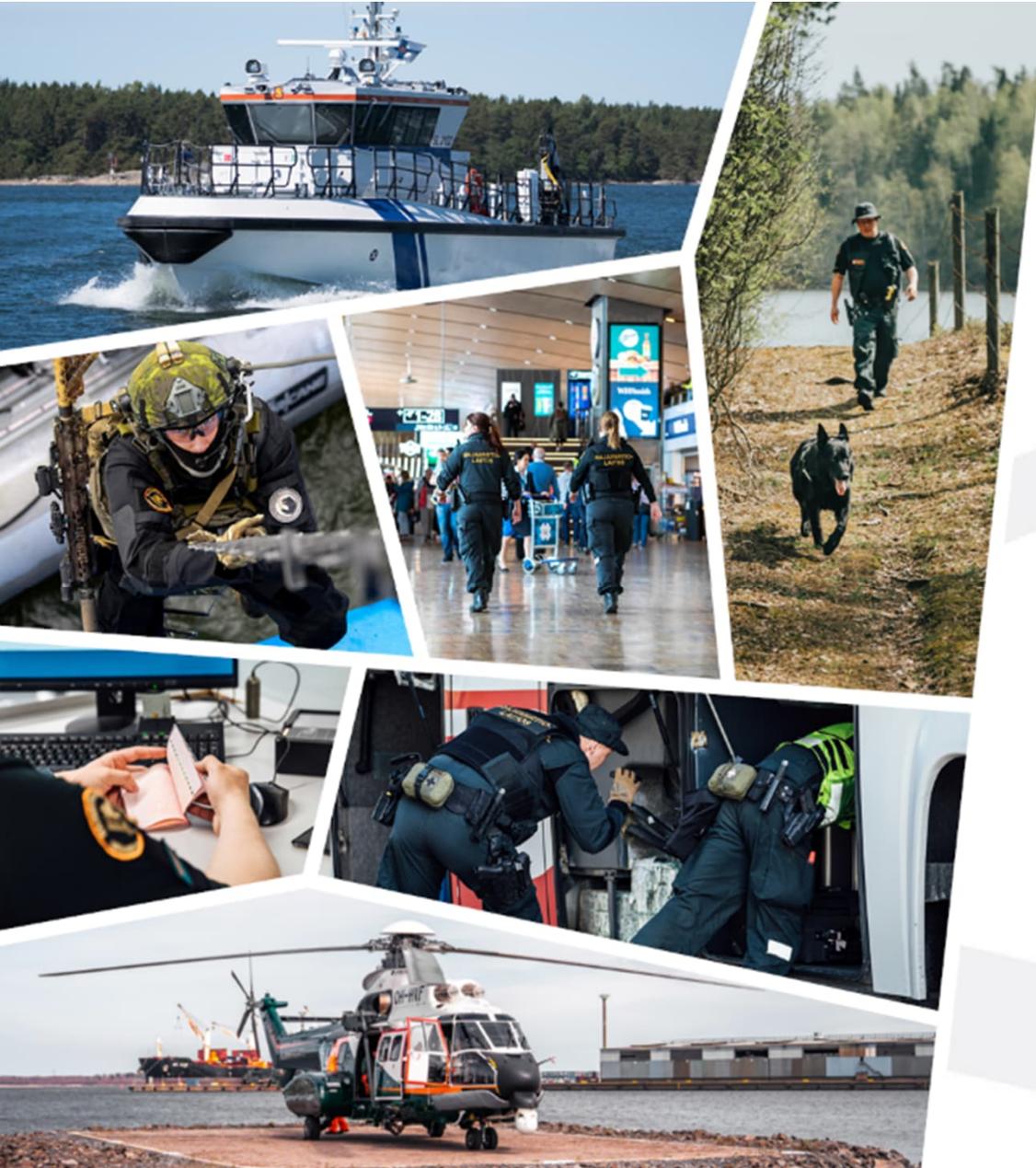
## ➤ BORDER SECURITY

- Border checks
- Border surveillance
- Control of territorial integrity
- Crime prevention and pre-trial investigation
- Immigration monitoring, customs duties, urgent police tasks

## ➤ MARITIME SAFETY & SECURITY

- Maritime search and rescue (SAR)
- Safety at sea and on land
- Protection of the maritime environment
- Control and surveillance of waterborne traffic

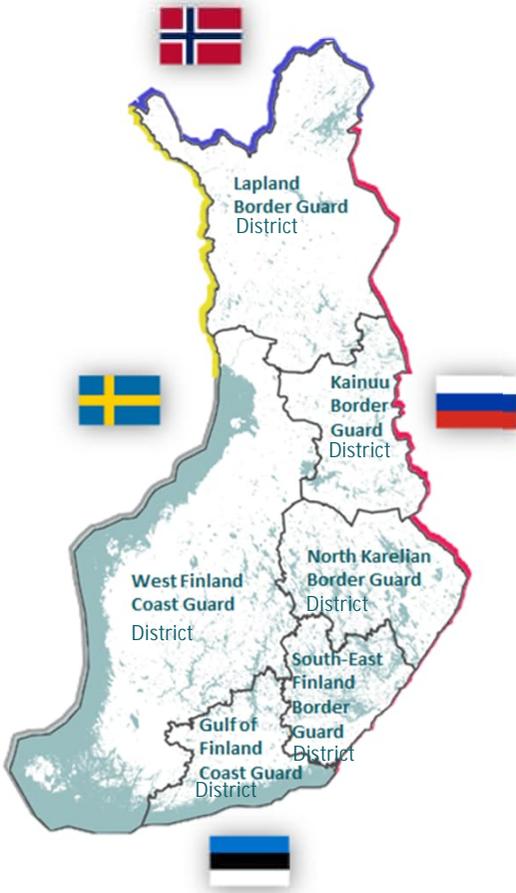
## ➤ NATIONAL DEFENCE



# Border Guard organisation



PERSONNEL GUARD STATIONS	~ 3 000 ppl
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<u>LENGTH OF BORDER WITH</u>	
Russia	1 343 km
Norway	736 km
Sweden	614 km
Territorial waters	1 250 km
Total	3 943 km



# Border Situation in North Karelia

- Niirala BCP, closed at the moment  
(Last open 14.-15.12.2023, arrived 177 asylum seekers)
- "Green border" this year 2 illegal border crossings RUS→FIN (17.6. and 8.9.2025) (Last year 2 incidents, total 3 persons)
- Topical issues
  - Opening of the Niirala BCP
  - Illegal border crossings at the green border
  - Implementation of changes to national legislation
    - Legislation to combat instrumentalised migration
    - Conscription Act
    - Technical radio surveillance
  - Barrier fence to eastern land border
  - Other possible consequences, that follow deteriorating international relations