Action Oriented Dialogue
Reducing Risk Together - Community Engagement in DRR
14-15 December 2023, Finland

Practical Information

VENUE
Date: 14.-15.12.2023
Venue: Laurea University of Applied Sciences, Tikkurila Campus
Address: Ratatie 22, 01300 Vantaa

REGISTRATION LINK
https://link.webropolsurveys.com/S/472128C31C6038F1

Registration closes on Monday December 4th at 12pm EET.

AGENDA
TBC

ACCOMMODATION
We have blocked at least 40 rooms (12-15/12) at the hotel Radisson Blu Plaza with a reservation code: AOD23 to facilitate the booking for those who need accommodation during the meeting. If you wish to stay at the above-mentioned hotel, kindly contact the hotel directly and make a reservation either via telephone, email or online booking system. 50% of the unreserved rooms will be released on 27.11.2023. Automatic release for the rest of the unreserved rooms is 7.12.2023 at 6.00 PM (EET).

Thus, making the reservation as soon as possible is advisable to guarantee availability and to benefit from the contract prices. The following room rates apply: 140.82 EUR / standard small single room and 161.68 EUR / double standard room. Breakfast is included.

Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel
Address: Mikonkatu 23, Helsinki, 00100 Finland
Telephone: +358 20 1234 703
E-mail: info.plaza.helsinki@radissonblu.com
Website: https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-helsinki

Please quote the allotment code: AOD23.

Online booking system:

TRANSPORTATION
From Helsinki-Vantaa Airport to the city centre
Helsinki-Vantaa Airport is located in Vantaa, about 20 km from the centre of the city. There are several options to get to the city from the airport by either taxi, train or bus. More detailed information on the airport can be found at Helsinki-Vantaa Airport’s website: https://www.finavia.fi/en/airports/helsinki-airport
Taxi:
When you arrive at Helsinki Airport by taxi, the car will drop you off right in front of the terminal. If you are leaving the airport by taxi, you will find the taxi station outside the Arrivals hall. There are four taxi lanes, and you can choose which lane and which taxi company you want to use.
The three taxi companies that have an agreement with the airport company Finavia operate from lane 1-3. The fares for those taxis are indicated on the taxi station. Other taxi companies operate from lane 4. Pre-booked taxis are waiting for passengers at the back of the taxi station. The travel time is approximately 30 minutes.

If you want to call for a taxi beforehand, we recommend Taksi Helsinki:

- Taksi Helsinki, +358 100 0700 (2,90 EUR + 25 cents / 10s)

Airport bus:
Helsinki Airport's bus station is located outside the Arrivals hall. Bus route 600 operates between Helsinki Airport and Helsinki City Centre. The travel time is about 40 minutes. Tickets can be purchased online on HSL’s mobile app, or at the bus station’s ticket machine. Read more about tickets and fares from [HSL.fi](https://www.hsl.fi).

Train:
Helsinki Airport’s train station is located under the terminal. There is a direct elevator and escalator connection from the departures and arrivals hall to the train station. Local I and P trains operate to and from Helsinki Airport. A train ride to Helsinki City Centre takes about 30 minutes.

Which ticket do I need?

- You need an ABC ticket to travel from Helsinki Airport to Helsinki city center.
- The HSL area is divided into four zones, identified by letters A, B, C and D, spreading out from the center of Helsinki. The airport is located in zone C and the Helsinki Central Railway Station is in zone A.
- ABC single ticket costs 4,10 € and it allows you to transfer between modes of transport. Single ticket is valid for 80 minutes.
- Buy a ticket via the HSL app or from a ticket machine. There are ticket machines at the airport station, which is located under the airport terminal. Timetables, tickets and fares can be found on [HSL.fi](https://www.hsl.fi).

GETTING AROUND THE CITY WITH PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

- Buy a ticket via the HSL app or from a ticket machine.
  - The app also provides you with up-to-date route and timetable information. Download the free app from [AppStore](https://itunes.apple.com), [GooglePlay](https://play.google.com) or [AppGallery](https://www.huawei.com).
- Timetables, tickets and fares for public transportation can be found on [HSL.fi](https://www.hsl.fi).

Which ticket do I need?
The HSL area is divided into four zones, identified by letters A, B, C and D, spreading out from the center of Helsinki. Before buying a ticket, check the zones you travel through and select a ticket that is valid for all the zones needed. You can see the zone boundaries on a map in the Journey Planner. The Journey Planner also tells you, which ticket you need for your journey.
HOW TO GET TO THE VENUES

To get from the hotel to the Laurea campus you can walk 230m to the Central Railway Station. You can take the commuter trains I, K, R or Z to Tikkurila. This train ride will take you approximately 13 minutes on the R and Z trains, and 19 minutes on the I or K trains. All of these require an ABC ticket.

From the Tikkurila railway station, you can walk 110m to the Laurea campus, which will be located on the left.

The Laurea Tikkurila campus can be easily reached by public transport. The Tikkurila Railway Station is located adjacent to the Tikkurila Campus. Most local buses also stop at the station.

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ABOUT FINLAND

For facts and information, please see Visit Finland.

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Online Helsinki Guide: MyHelsinki

GENERAL INFORMATION

Business hours
Regular office hours Monday to Friday are 9 am to 5 pm. Most shops are open seven days a week, closing at around 7-8 pm on weekdays and with shorter hours on the weekends. Grocery stores are open until 9-10 pm on weekdays and with shorter hours on the weekends. Some stores operate around the clock.

COMMUNICATIONS

To call Finland from abroad or from an international mobile phone, the international dialing code is +358.

Phone number for emergencies (police, fire, medical): 112

CREDIT CARDS

Major credit cards (some restrictions may apply to American Express) are widely accepted in all shops and restaurants.

CURRENCY AND ATM’S

The currency in Finland is Euro (EUR). Cards are, however, more commonly used than cash. Foreign currency can be exchanged at the airport, at banks, and at Forex service points.

ATMs are available and can be used to withdraw Euros. Many banks impose fees on cash withdrawals, such fees may be higher for international transactions.

LANGUAGE

Finland’s official languages are Finnish and Swedish. English is widely spoken.

Pharmacies

The nearest pharmacies to the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel are:

Apteekki Citycenter
Open: Mon-Fri 8-19 Sat: 10-17 Sun: Closed
Kaivokatu 8, 00100 Helsinki
TIME
Helsinki standard time is GMT +2 hours.

TIPPING
Tipping is not required in restaurants, bars, or taxis.

WATER
Tap water is safe to drink everywhere in Finland. You can drink water from any tap unless clearly indicated otherwise.

WEATHER
To check out the latest weather forecast for Helsinki closer to the meeting, please visit the Finnish Meteorological Institute. Finnish Meteorological Institute (ilmatieteenlaitos.fi)

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at jari.honkanen@gov.fi, olli.rahijarvi@gov.fi, katharina.schulze@gov.fi, or heikki.honkanen@gov.fi

With warm regards

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