

“ENCOURAGING DEMOCRATIC CULTURE AND HUMAN RIGHTS – SCHOOLS IN ACTION”
Council of Europe Conference of the Finnish Presidency of the Committee of Ministers
Helsinki Congress Paasitorni
16-17 April 2019

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

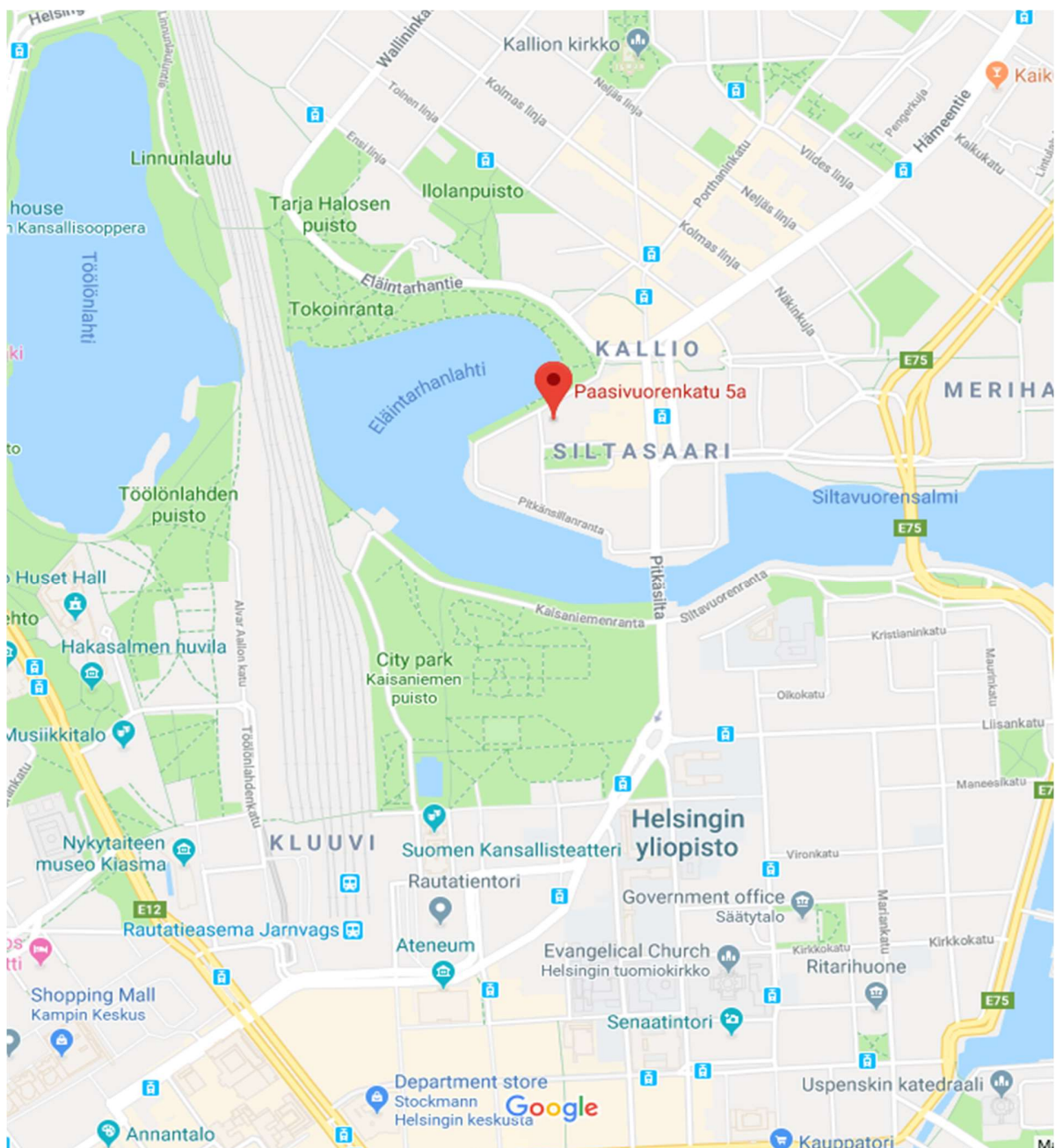
CONFERENCE VENUE

Helsinki Congress Paasitorni

Address: Paasivuorenkatu 5 A - FI-00530 Helsinki

Tel. +358 (0) 9 7089 611

For more information about Paasitorni, please visit their [website](#).



HOTELS

Scandic Paasi ****

Scandic Paasi is located right next to the Paasitorni conference venue (1-2 min).

Address: Paasivuorenkatu 5 B - FI-00530 Helsinki

Phone: +358 9 231 1700

e-mail: paasi@scandichotels.com

[Website](#)

Scandic Hakaniemi ****

Scandic Paasi is located right next to the Paasitorni conference venue (4-5 min).

Address: Siltasaarenkatu 14 - FI-00530 Helsinki

Phone: tel.: +358 9 689 99034

e-mail: hakaniemi@scandichotels.com

[Website](#)

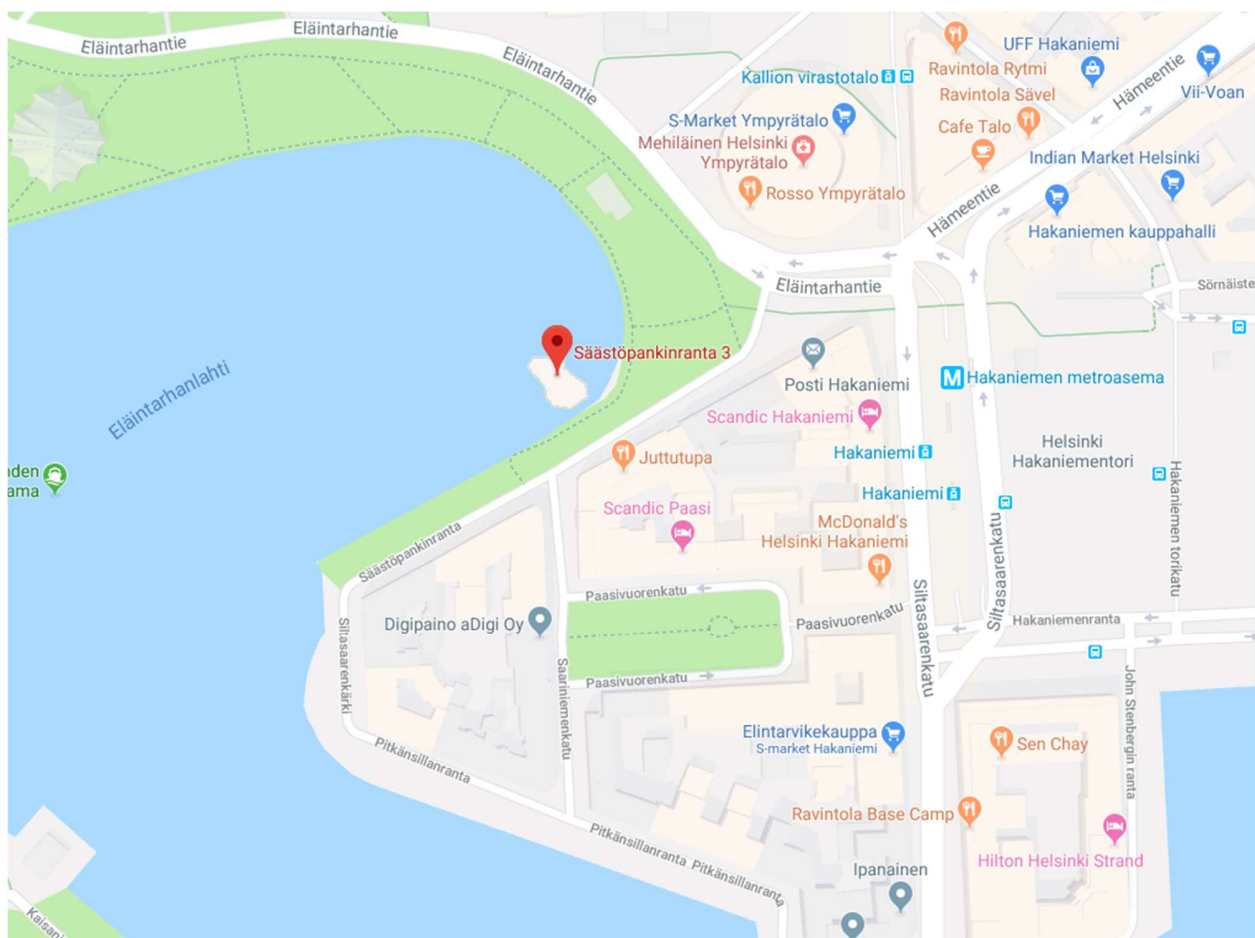
DINNER VENUE (16 APRIL)

Meripaviljonki restaurant

Address: Säästöpankinranta 3 - FI-00530 Helsinki

Phone: +358(0)20 7425 320

[Website](#)



PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN AND AROUND HELSINKI

You can check up-to-date routes and timetables for public transportation with HSL's Journey Planner.

Journey Planner

HSL app: https://www.hsl.fi/en/app?gclid=EAlaIQobChMlybj9wvLg4AIVEJAYCh0T2A93EAAAYASAAEgKr8PD_BwE
Browser version: <https://www.hsl.fi/en/timetables-and-routes>

Tickets for public transportation can be bought from ticket machines, R-kiosks, bus drivers or via HSL app.

Ticket options

➤ Regional ticket

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| Via Hsl app | 4,20 EUR |
| From a bus | 5,50 EUR |
| From a ticket machine | 5,00 EUR |

*Train tickets need to be bought **before** entering the train from a ticket machine.*

Two-zone ticket for 3 days costs 28€ (includes airport area and unlimited use of public transport).

➤ Helsinki area ticket

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| Via HSL app | 2,20 EUR |
| From a bus | 3,20 EUR |
| From a ticket machine | 2,90 EUR |

How to reach the conference venue and hotels from the airport (ca. 25-50 min)

AIRPORT --> PAASITORNI CONFERENCE VENUE AND SCANDIC PAASI AND SCANDUC HAKANIEMI HOTELS

(3 options)

Option 1: Bus

Take bus **617** from terminal 2 (platform 25) to Hakaniemi. Exit at Hakaniemi, the journey time is approximately 36 minutes. Walk 400 metres to Paasitorni conference venue and hotel Scandic Paasi or 150 metres to hotel Scandic Hakaniemi.

Option 2: By train and bus

Walk 550 metres from terminal 1 to the Airport (Lentoasema) train station. Take train **I** towards Rautatientori Helsinki (Helsinki Central Railway station). Most busses from Rautatientori go to Hakaniemi (busses **55, 75, 77, 611, 614, 615, 722, 739, 788, 788K** for example). The journey time is approximately 5 minutes. Exit at Hakaniemi and walk 400 metres to Paasitorni conference venue and hotel Scandic Paasi or 150 metres to hotel Scandic Hakaniemi.

Option 3: By train and tram

Walk 550 metres from terminal 1 to the Airport (Lentoasema) train station. Take train **I** towards Rautatientori Helsinki (Helsinki Central Railway station). Take tram **6** from in front of the Central Railway Station towards *Arabia* or tram **9** towards Pasila or tram **3** towards *Meilahti*. The journey time is approximately 6 minutes. Exit at Hakaniemi and walk 400 metres to Paasitorni conference venue and hotel Scandic Paasi. or 150 metres to hotel Scandic Hakaniemi.

Option 4: by taxi

Taxi from the Airport to the conference venue Paasitorni and hotels (25-30 min) cost 40€ – 50€.

Taxi number: **0100 0700**

HELSINKI CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION --> PAASITORNI CONFERENCE VENUE AND SCANDIC PAASI AND SCANDIC HAKANIEMI HOTELS

Take tram 6 from in front of the Central Railway Station towards *Arabia* or tram 9 towards *Pasila* or tram 3 towards *Meilahti*. Exit at Hakaniemi and walk 400 metres to Paasitorni conference venue and hotel Scandic Paasi or 150 metres to hotel Scandic Hakaniemi

Most busses from Rautatientori (next to the Central Railway Station) go to Hakaniemi (busses **55, 75, 77, 611, 614, 615, 722, 739, 788, 788K** for example).

Duration & price

1. Bus 617 + tram (~45 min) cost 4,20€ – 5,50€
2. Train + bus (~55 min) cost 4,20€ – 5,50€
3. Train + tram (~55 min) cost 4,20€ – 5,50€
4. Taxi (25-30 min) cost 40€ – 50€. Taxi number: **0100 0700**

VISAS

- Participants are responsible for checking visa requirements and making their own visa arrangements before departure.
- The Council of Europe can prepare “notes verbales” for registered participants requiring a visa. Visa-related expenses are to be borne by the participants.

For more information, please consult the [HLS-website](#).

Additional information

Languages

Finnish (Suomi) and Swedish are the two official languages of Finland. Most Finns are fluent in other foreign languages, with the majority of them speaking and understanding English.

Currency

As a member of the Economic and Monetary Union (EMU), Finland utilizes the euro.

Electrical outlet

Finland has 220V electricity and primarily uses Europlug and Schuko as socket types. A plug adapter and a step-down transformer will be necessary when your appliances use a lower voltage and/or another type of plug.

Drinking water

Finnish tap water is safe to drink.

Weather

Spring in Finland begins in April where the daily temperature varies around 10° C. Light precipitation is likely. Patches of snow might still be present in Helsinki.

REMEMBER TO TWEET - hashtags:

- #epasconf2019
- #FinlandCoE
- #WeSupportHumanRights

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What to see and do in Helsinki, in case you stay longer

Visit Helsinki websites

- <https://www.myhelsinki.fi/en/see-and-do/sights>
- <https://www.myhelsinki.fi/en>

For example:

Oodi is Helsinki's new Central Library and a living meeting place
<https://www.oodihelsinki.fi/en/>

Amos Rex Museum of Contemporary Arts
<https://amosrex.fi/en/>

Ateneum Art Museum
<https://ateneum.fi/?lang=en>

Kiasma Contemporary Art Museum
<http://www.kiasma.fi/en/>

HAM Helsinki Art Museum
<https://www.hamhelsinki.fi/en/>

The National Museum of Finland
<http://www.nba.fi/en/nationalmuseum>

World Heritage Site Suomenlinna Fortress
<http://www.suomenlinna.fi/en>

Public Sculptures in Helsinki
<http://www.hamhelsinki.fi/en/public-sculptures/>