

# Visitors Guide - AEC PJP 2026 in Metropolia UAS, Helsinki

## How to get to Helsinki

### Helsinki Airport

[Helsinki Airport](#) consistently ranks among the best airports in the world and serves around 350 flights a day to locations around the world. There are direct flights to Helsinki e.g. from Stockholm, Warsaw, London, Riga, Vienna, Oslo, Paris, Milan, Venice, Brussels, Berlin, Copenhagen, Nice, Cannes, Munich, Tallinn, Istanbul, Split, Barcelona, Vilnius, Amsterdam, Krakow, Frankfurt, Athens, Budapest, Reykjavik, Prague, Dubrovnik, Rome, Dublin, Ljubljana, Madrid, Zurich, Bologna, Geneva and Lisbon.

### Train, bus or taxi from the airport to the Central Railway Station in Helsinki

[The Helsinki Airport](#) is 20 kilometres away from the city centre of Helsinki, and the public transport system provides two connections: the train ride takes about 40 minutes and the bus ride takes about 50 minutes.

- Ring Rail Line trains I and P between Helsinki Airport and Helsinki Central Railway Station. For the shortest travel time, take the P-train from the airport to the city and the I-train from the city to the airport. Trains run every 10 minutes during daytime.
- The local bus number 600 between Helsinki Airport and Helsinki Central Railway Station. The bus leaves from right outside the arrival terminal.

Zone ticket ABC (4.40 €; the prize can change in the beginning of the year 2026) is required for journeys from the center of Helsinki to the airport and vice versa. Purchase your ticket from the ticket machine, [sales and service point](#) or with a [HSL mobile phone app](#) before the journey. You have to buy your ticket in advance for all means of public transport.

- The journey between Helsinki Airport and the city centre by taxi takes approximately 25 minutes (19,2 km) and costs around €30–€50. The prize can vary depending on the Taxi Service. For example [Taxi Helsinki](#) is a reliable service.

### Arriving in Helsinki by ferry

[The port of Helsinki](#) is one of Europe's busiest passenger ports. There are connections to Stockholm, Tallinn and Travemünde. The harbours are well connected to the Helsinki public transport system.

# Getting Around in Helsinki

Helsinki has an excellent public transport system (HSL) comprising bus, tram, metro, commuter train and ferry services. With a single ticket you can hop aboard trams, buses, the metro and even the municipal ferry to Suomenlinna and change from one mode of transport to another as long as your ticket is still valid. A day ticket (€10,00 AB zones or €12,00 ABC zones; the prize may rise in the beginning of the year 2026) is handy for several journeys during one day or several days. The online [Journey Planner](#) notifies which ticket you need together with the search results. More information about getting around in Helsinki can be found on [MyHelsinki web pages](#).

## **A public transport ticket available for guests registered for the AEC PJP 2026**

The AEC PJP and Metropolia will provide a 3-day HSL-ticket for attendees who have registered for the event. Further information will be provided upon registration.

# The main location of the AEC PJP 2026 - Metropolia UAS Arabia Campus



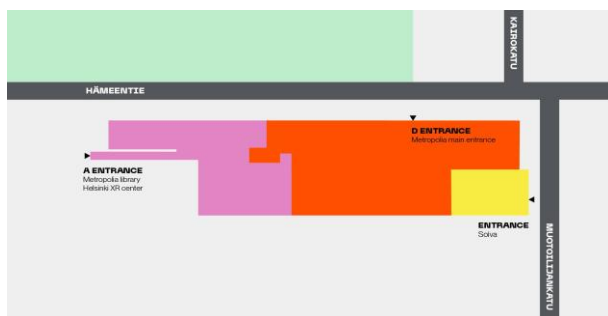
Metropolia UAS Arabia Campus © Metropolia

The AEC Pop and Jazz Platform 2026 will be held on [Arabia Campus](#) in Metropolia University of Applied Sciences, Helsinki. The address of the main location, Arabia Campus, Luova building, is [Hämeentie 135 D, 00560 Helsinki](#). Part of the program of the event will be held also in the [Music Building Soiva](#), address [Muotoilijankatu 1, 00560 Helsinki](#), located right next to the Luova building.



Metropolia UAS Music Building Soiva © Metropolia

Arabia Campus is located in the Arabia135 block in Arabianranta, Helsinki, along Hämeentie, between Arabiankatu and Muotoilijankatu.



Location of Arabia Campus and entrances © Metropolia

## How to get to Arabia Campus from the City Centre

You can reach Arabia Campus from Helsinki Central Railway Station by public transportation in less than 30 minutes and by car in 10 minutes.

Public transportation suggestions

- Tram number 6 has its terminal point in Arabia. On the way to and from the Central Railway Station to Arabia Campus the tram passes through Hakaniemi near the hotels Scandic Paasi, Scandic Hakaniemi and Radisson RED.
- Tram number 8 has its terminal point in Arabia. On the way from the city centre to Arabia Campus the tram passes the Finnish National Opera near the hotel Scandic Park.
- Several bus lines stop near the entrance of the Arabia Campus (Hämeentie 135 D). For example bus lines number 55 and 71 to and from the Central Railway Station pass by Hakaniemi near the hotels Scandic Paasi and Scandic Hakaniemi and Radisson RED.
- To find tram and bus connections and timetables, please use [HSL journey planner](#)

## Arabia Campus - Creative Campus



Arabia Campus METKA Cafe © Tuomas Uusheimo



Metropolia Music Degree organizes concerts in Arabia Hall throughout the school year. Metropolia Big Band © Pirjo Aittomäki

Metropolia's Arabia Culture Campus is a vibrant urban arena for ideas and stories. The campus attracts creative minds from diverse cultural fields, continuing the district's long tradition of arts and design while boldly moving ahead in new directions. Metropolia's all operations of Culture and Arts are centralised in Arabia, Helsinki. Metropolia serves an important role as a prolific contributor to this heart of creative art in Helsinki. The Arabia region has a long history of creativity and design companies in Finland.

Read more about the Creative Campus on websites of [Creative Dimension](#) and [Arabia Campus](#) and about the area and its history on [Arabia 135](#).

## The Brand-New, Architecturally Significant Music Building “Soiva” Awaits the PJP Community



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Part of the Arabia Campus, a new building Soiva (= 'sonorous', 'vibrant') designed for music education was completed in 2021. It is used in partnership with Metropolia and the Pop & Jazz Conservatory. Soiva has been nominated for Archdaily's Building of the Year Award 2023. Soiva is designed and equipped to meet the requirements of modern classroom and online education. The building's learning and performance spaces enable innovative pedagogy; each space is designed with music learning in mind. Soiva is purpose-built according to the users' wishes. The six-storey, approximately 7500 GFA new building houses 100-seat rehearsal halls Klubi and Kammari (amplified & acoustic music), practice rooms, recording studios and multi-purpose rooms for lectures, ensembles etc.

[Read more about the Soiva building.](#)

Arabia Campus has a 253-seat concert hall designed especially for amplified music. The campus also has other convertible spaces suitable for conference use and smaller meeting rooms. Arabia Campus has modern and easy-to-use facilities and devices, and the rooms are equipped with relevant presentation and collaboration technology. There are several restaurants and cafes on campus and in its vicinity.

## Accommodation

Helsinki offers a wide variety of accommodations to suit all tastes and budgets.

We recommend a few hotels in central Helsinki where AEC PJP 2026 guests can book a specially priced room via the links below. There are convenient public transport connections from near the hotels to Metropolia Arabia Campus.

[Hotel Scandic Paasi](#) \*\*\*\* — [Book your room through this link in Hotel Scandic Paasi](#)  
[Hotel Scandic Hakaniemi](#) \*\*\* — [Book your room through this link in Hotel Scandic Hakaniemi](#)  
[Hotel Scandic Park](#) \*\*\*\* — [Book your room through this link in Hotel Scandic Park](#)  
[Hotel Scandic Grand Central](#) \*\*\*\* — [Book your room through this link in Hotel Scandic Grand Central](#)  
[Hotel Radisson Red](#) \*\*\*\* — Book your room through this link in Hotel Radisson Red

The link to special offer in Radisson RED will be published soon.

### Other nearby accommodations:

Hotel Arthur \*\*\* <https://www.hotelarthur.fi/en/>  
Finlandia Park Hotel Helsinki \*\*\* <https://parkhotel.fi/>  
Cheapsleep Hostel Helsinki \*\* <https://www.cheapsleep.fi/>

## Restaurant recommendations

### Near the Railway Station and Hotel Radisson RED

[Ravintola 10. Kerros - Restaurant 10th Floor](#)  
[Restaurant Olivia Central Station](#)  
[Restaurant Deliberi - Keskuskatu](#)  
[Vibami - Vietnamese Kitchen Kluuvi](#)  
[Vltava - Czech restaurant](#)

### Near Hotel Scandic Park

[Restaurant Kuu](#)  
[Restaurant Levant Töölö](#)  
[Famu & Bar - Gastropub](#)

### In Hakaniemi area near Hotels Scandic Paasi and Scandic Hakaniemi

[Restaurant Memphis Hakaniemi](#)  
[Restaurant Juttutupa](#)  
[Restaurant Graniittiklubi](#)  
[Vegan Restaurant Sen Chay](#)  
[Restaurant Oiva](#)

### Near Metropolia Arabia Campus

[Restaurant Swagatam](#)  
[Restaurant Bistro Bryk](#)



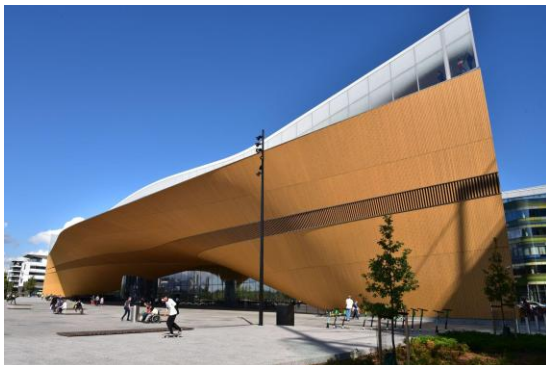
[Krung Thep Thai Bistro Arabia](#)  
[Pizzeria Parmesan Arabia](#)

## Welcome to Helsinki, Finland



Helsinki seen from the Baltic Sea © Tapio Haaja Pixabay

The Helsinki region includes the capital city and its metropolitan area as well as some further-flung towns and cities. Here, nature trails and city life are both never more than a stone throw away, and the area is overflowing with good food, great design, interesting museums and unique architecture. Helsinki itself is an attractive and well-functioning city by the Baltic Sea, full of vitality. The City Strategy for Helsinki includes a goal to become the most sustainable tourist destination in the world and the city strives to be carbon-neutral in 2030. Culture is one of the driving forces of the city. Helsinki was chosen as one of the European Capitals of Culture in the year 2000. It is a home for all kinds of art forms and happenings. In the City Strategy culture and arts are seen as enablers of a good life.



Helsinki Central Library Oodi © Pexels.com

For 8 years straight, starting in 2018, the [World Happiness Report](#) has singled out Finland as the happiest country on the planet. For example Finland being one of the top countries in the world in the field of library services, the public libraries in Helsinki are among the best in the world with excellent services such as lending people also musical instruments and rehearsal spaces. Helsinki Central Library Oodi was chosen as the best new public library in the world and the building with its unique design concept was the winner of the main DETAIL Prize 2020. The art museums and galleries in Helsinki offer interesting exhibitions all year round from Finnish art classics to international contemporary art gems. Helsinki is also a world-renowned destination for design aficionados looking for functional and minimalistic Nordic architecture – both old and new. The city has a lot to offer in a variety of excellent cultural

events. For fans of live music Helsinki is packed with great clubs offering a selection of gigs from different music genres. Helsinki has also great venues for culture, for example the National Opera, Finlandia Hall, Musiikkitalo Concert Hall, Dance House Helsinki and The Olympic Stadium.

In recent years Helsinki has already been ranked

- #1 in life quality (Creative City Index 2014)
- #9 The most livable city in the world (Economist Intelligence Unit 2017)
- #3 The best city to live in the world in terms of technology, innovation and entrepreneurship (CITIE – City Initiatives for Technology, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, 2015)

Last but not least, in Helsinki it is possible to familiarise oneself with the Finnish Sauna culture! For many locals, a sauna is a second living room. There are several public saunas in Helsinki. For example the new sculptural wooden public sauna building Löyly features three wood-fired saunas, a year-round outdoor swimming pool and a welcoming restaurant that serves Finnish classics like meatballs and creamy salmon soup.

[Read more about the sauna culture here.](#)

## Discover Helsinki

[Discover the City](#)

[Top Attractions in Helsinki](#)

[Fortress of Suomenlinna - Unesco cultural heritage site](#)



Fortress of Suomenlinna © Marjatta Caján Pixabay

## Other relevant information

### Emergencies Tel. 112

**Police** <https://poliisi.fi/en/helsinki-police-department> or in emergency tel. 112

**Medical Emergencies** Medical Helpline tel. 116117 or in emergency tel. 112

**Pharmacy:** [Yliopiston apteekki](#), [Mannerheimintie 5](#), open every day 8-24, website only in Finnish <https://www.yliopistonapteekki.fi/yhteystiedot/helsinki-keskusta>

## Contact Metropolia AEC PJP Team



We hope you enjoy your visit in Helsinki and your participation in the AEC Pop and Jazz Platform 2026 will be pleasant and inspiring!

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact us at: [aino.holma@metropolia.fi](mailto:aino.holma@metropolia.fi).