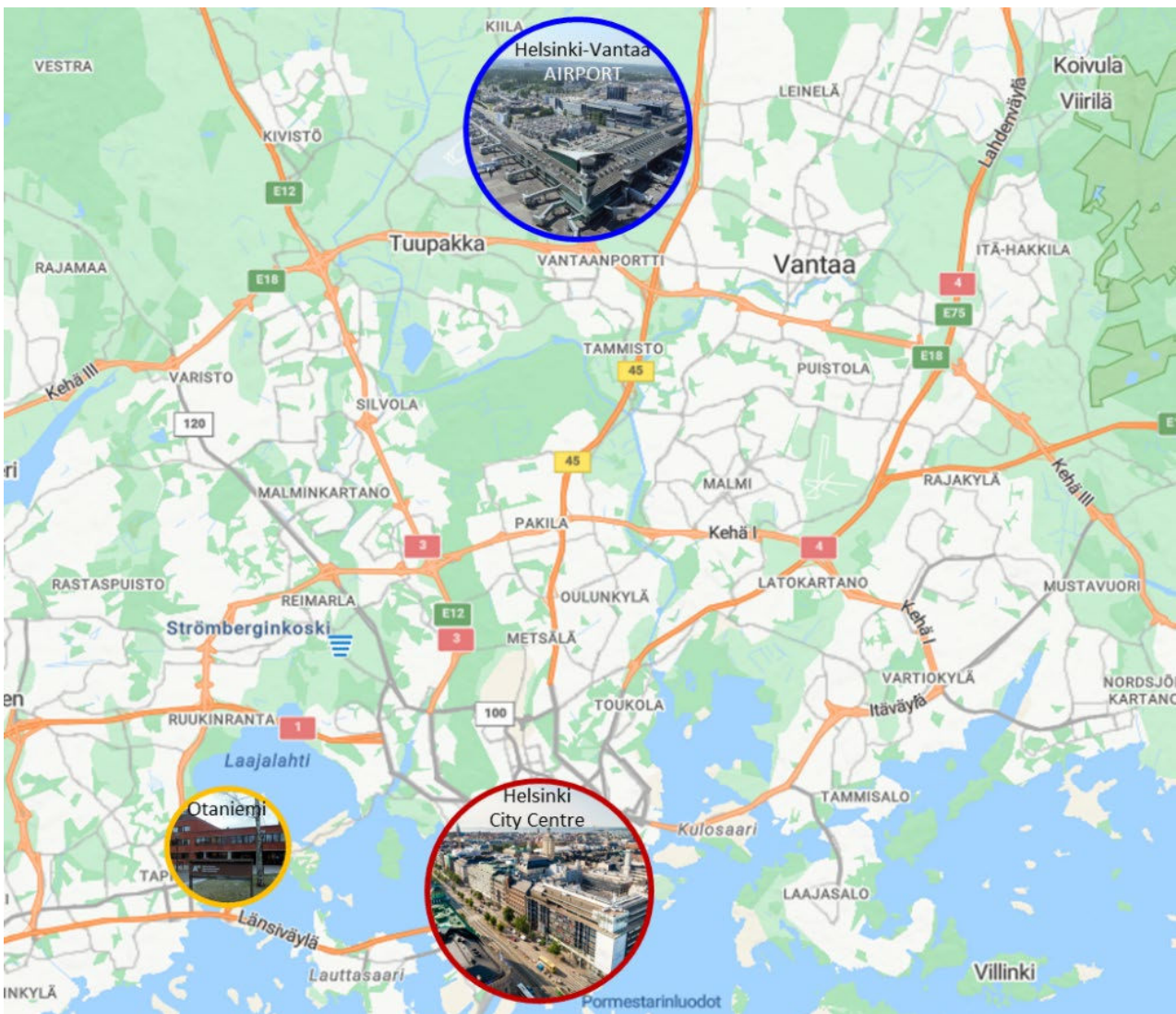


Welcome to Helsinki to the PREIN Workshop on Quantum Research and Technologies on 12–14 November 2024

The following pages contain some practical information on the location of the meeting, travel and accommodation. However, if you have any concerns or simply need some assistance, do not hesitate to contact your local hosts George Thomas (phone +358 50 307 3919, email george.thomas@vtt.fi) Robert Fickler (phone +358 50 447 8492, email: Robert.fickler@tuni.fi) Andreas Norrman (phone: +358 50 599 4225, email: andreas.norrman@uef.fi), Sun Zhipei (phone +358 50 430 2820, email: zhipei.sun@aalto.fi) or Päivi Vahala (phone + 358407737911, email paivi.vahala@vtt.fi).

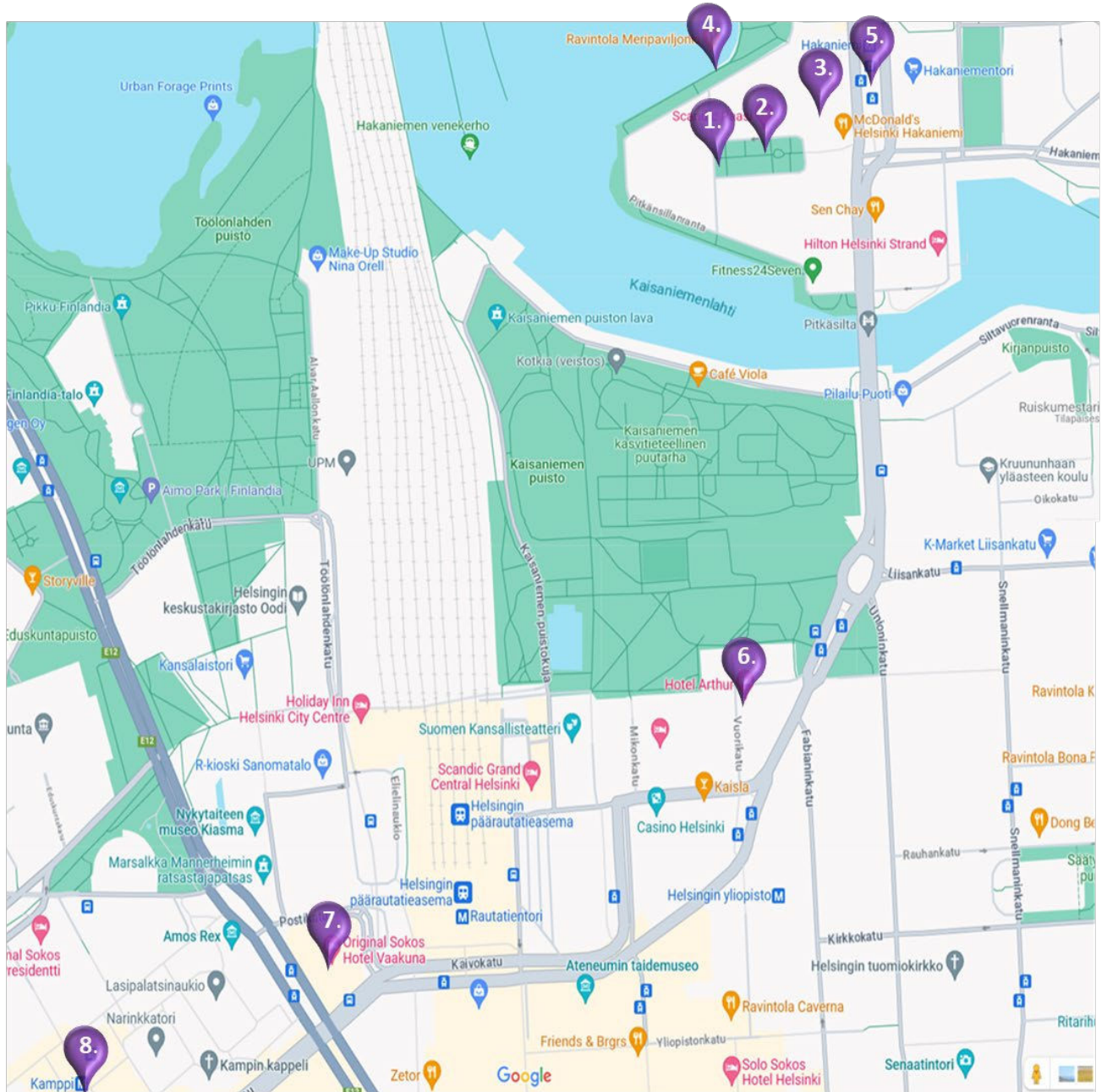
1. OVERVIEW OF LOCATIONS

Figure shows the Helsinki area metropolitan map. The locations of Helsinki-Vantaa Airport, Helsinki city centre and Otaniemi area in Espoo.



Map of the metropolitan area of Helsinki (Google Maps), with airport at top. Downtown Helsinki at the bottom middle. Otaniemi is a small circle at the bottom left. Distance from Helsinki-Vantaa airport to the meeting venue Paasitorni is 17.5 km and takes about 30 minutes by taxi and 50 minutes by public transportation. Photos: Finavia, Wikipedia & Aalto university.

Locations in Helsinki



1. CONGRESS CENTER PAASITORNI
Paasivuorenkatu 5A

2. HOTEL SCANDIC PAASI
Paasivuorenkatu 5B

3. HOTEL SCANDIC HAKANIEMI
Siltasaarenkatu 14

4. RESTAURANT MERIPAVILJONKI
Säästöpankinranta 4

5. HAKANIEMI METROSTATION
ENTRANCE, Siltasaarenkatu

6. HOTEL ARTHUR
Vuorikatu 19

7. ORIGINAL SOKOS HOTEL VAAKUNA
Asema-aukio 2

8. KAMPPI METROSTATION
ENTRANCE

Time zone

The time zone in Helsinki is Eastern European Time (EET), 2 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT+2).

Climate and weather

Helsinki's climate in November reflects a combination of maritime and continental influences. Its proximity to the Arctic Ocean and the North Atlantic tends to bring colder temperatures, while the Gulf Stream can occasionally introduce milder air masses.

In November, you can expect the typical daily maximum temperature in Helsinki, Finland, to hover around -2 to 0 °C. However, it's important to keep in mind that temperatures can vary from year to year. Therefore, it's a good practice to consult a reliable weather forecasting source, such as en.ilmatieteenlaitos.fi, closer to your travel dates for the most accurate and up-to-date weather information.



November in Helsinki is characterized by cold winter weather, often featuring sub-zero temperatures, snowfall, and frosty conditions, making it quite different from the milder months of the year.

Cultural Highlights

Helsinki is known for its vibrant cultural scene. The city boasts a variety of museums, art galleries, and theaters. A visit to the [Ateneum Art Museum](#) or the [Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art](#) can provide a fascinating insight into Finnish art and culture.

Local Cuisine

Helsinki offers a diverse culinary landscape with a mix of traditional Finnish dishes and international cuisine. Don't miss the chance to try local delicacies such as "kalakukko" (fish pie) or "karjalanpiirakka" (Karelian pasty) at one of the city's charming cafes or restaurants.

Nature and Outdoors

Even in the colder months, Helsinki's numerous parks and waterfront areas provide beautiful settings for a leisurely walk. The city's islands, such as [Suomenlinna](#), a UNESCO World Heritage site, offer a unique glimpse into Finland's history and natural beauty.

We look forward to welcoming you to Helsinki and hope you enjoy both the PREIN Workshop and your time exploring this wonderful city.



Photos: Wikipedia, Maaseudun Tulevaisuus & Suomenlinna.

2. MEETING VENUE

We have selected the Helsinki Congress Paasitorni, as the meeting venue. Paasitorni is located by the sea in the city center in close vicinity of the Hakaniemi marketplace and Hakaniemi metro station.



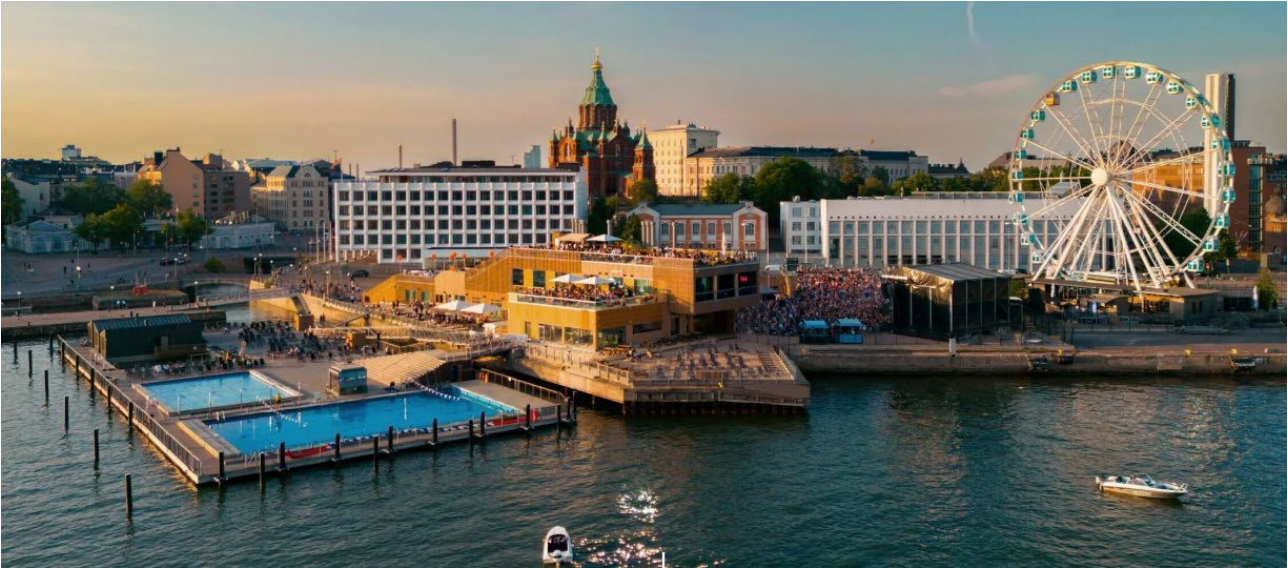
"Paasitorni" is an architecturally and culturally historically valuable meeting and congress center situated in Siltasaari, Helsinki. The oldest part of the Art Nouveau building, designed by architect Karl Lindahl, was completed in 1908 as the Helsinki Worker's House, and the building is still recognized by that name. For a long time, Paasitorni served as a meeting and leisure place for the working population, essentially functioning as a true worker's hall. Paasitorni is on the way to the World Heritage list. Read more about it [here](#).



The meeting itself takes place in the meeting room Juho Rissanen. The Juho Rissanen room is characterful space whose special features include the stage at the front of the space – which also saw plenty of action during its heyday – and the paintings donated by the artist Juho Rissanen.

3. OPTIONAL EVENING PROGRAMME ON NOVEMBER 12TH

Allas Sea Pool



Allas Sea Pool is a unique urban oasis located in the heart of Helsinki, right next to the famous Market Square. This outdoor sea pool complex features three pools: a warm-water pool, a sea-water pool, and a children's pool. In addition to the pools, Allas Sea Pool offers several saunas with stunning sea views, making it a perfect place to relax and unwind. The venue also includes a restaurant and a café, providing a variety of dining options.

Event Details

After our meeting, we will head to Allas Sea Pool at approximately 17:30 for a relaxing session of sauna and swimming. Rental towels are available at €8.50 (own cost). Following this, there will be an opportunity to enjoy dinner at one of the on-site restaurants. Please note that the dinner will be at your own expense.

Information on other activities nearby (own cost)

There is also an opportunity to visit the Helsinki Sky Wheel (ticket price €15, open until 19:00) or the Flying Cinema Helsinki (ticket price €19.80, open until 20:00), both located right next to Allas Sea Pool.

Helsinki Flying Cinema

Take flight with Helsinki Flying Cinema and embark on an exhilarating journey over Finland's stunning landscapes! This immersive 4D experience combines motion, wind, and special effects to make you feel like you're truly soaring above the country's most beautiful sights. From the vibrant cityscapes of Helsinki to the serene wilderness of Lapland, every moment is a visual feast.



Helsinki SkyWheel

Experience Helsinki like never before with the Helsinki SkyWheel! Soar 40 meters above the city and enjoy breathtaking panoramic views of the capital's iconic landmarks, the shimmering Baltic Sea, and the bustling harbor. Whether it's a sunny day or a starry night, the SkyWheel offers a unique and unforgettable perspective of Helsinki.



4. WORKSHOP DINNER



We invite warmly all the attendees to participate this closing event of our conference. The dinner will take place at the opposite side of our conference venue Paasitorni in the beautiful restaurant Meripaviljonki just over the sea (www.ravintolameripaviljonki.fi) on Wednesday November 13th 2024, at 19.00.



5. ACCOMODATION

Hotels

Scandic Paasi and Scandic Hakaniemi

A relaxed hotels with fresh rooms in Hakaniemi, Helsinki, conveniently located close to the meeting venue and with excellent transportation connections. The metro, trams, and buses run right in front of the hotel, making it easy to explore the atmosphere of the capital city from the comfort of the hotel.

Rates include Breakfast buffet during normal opening hours, wireless internet access (Wi-Fi), VAT and guest sauna. Guests are entitled to the rooms from 3:00 PM on day of arrival to 12:00 (noon) on day of departure.

Reservation can be made at: <https://www.scandichotels.fi/?bookingcode=D000029097>. The PREIN reserved rooms can be booked according to the hotel's public booking status.



Hotel Scandic Paasi

(Paasivuorenkatu 5B, 00530 Helsinki), next door to conference venue. Reservations can be made with the reservation code **D000029097**, by phone: +358 9 231 1700 or via e-mail: paasi@scandichotels.com

Hotel Scandic Hakaniemi

(Siltasaarenkatu 14, 00530 Helsinki) 200 metres from the venue. Reservations can be made with the reservation code **D000029097** by phone: +358 9 68999034 or via e-mail: hakaniemi@scandichotels.com

Hotel Arthur

(Vuorikatu 19, 00100 Helsinki) 850 meter by walk from the meeting venue. Hotel Arthur offers a 10% discount on the flexible daily rate on our website www.hotelarthur.fi with the code **PREIN**. The code is also valid for dates surrounding the event days in almost all room categories, if there is availability in the hotel.



Each guest is responsible for booking and paying for their own accommodation. The code is available for reservations now. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Our sales service is happy to answer your questions.

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Using the reservation code **WORKERY** your guests will be entitled to a 5 % discount on best available daily rates. Room rates include a buffet breakfast, Wi-Fi, guest sauna (if available) and VAT. This special offer is available according to hotel availability and the number of rooms available with the reservation code is limited. Large events in the capital region may restrict the availability.



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The reservation code closes automatically when all available rooms with the code have been booked. In this case, guests may book their rooms online at best available daily rates or advance purchase rates.

Reservations: **Sokos Hotels Sales Service Centre**
Telephone: +358 300 870 000 / **individual room reservations**
E-mail: sokos.hotels@sok.fi
Website: www.sokshotels.fi
Reservation code: **WORKERY**

Guarantee

All reservations are to be guaranteed by credit card upon booking. Kindly note that due to security reasons credit card details should not be sent via email.

Payment

Guests pay individually, method of payment: cash or credit card.

5.1 Other hotels

Other hotels in Helsinki city centre that are available during the conference are listed [here](#).

6. MEETING TRANSPORT INFORMATION

6.1 From [Helsinki Airport](#) to Helsinki centre

Taxi (2 options), ask for price confirmation before you accept the ride:

- [Airport Taxi](#) (price about 45 € to Helsinki centre); takes several passengers to the desired address and is somewhat slower (10–15 min) than normal taxi. The service desk of the taxi companies can be found in the arrival hall after baggage claim. If arriving late, it is advised to book in advance.
- [Normal taxi](#): There is a taxi station in front of the terminal. All the major credit cards are accepted in the taxis. 20–30 min and price around 50-60 € to Helsinki centre.

Bus/Metro:

- [Public transport](#) ABC Single ticket on the HSL app, with the HSL card and at ticket machines, €4.10. The ticket is valid for 80 minutes. You can buy a ticket from the machine in the station, or R-kioski shops.

Train:

- From the [airport](#), the centre of Helsinki can be reached by the I- or P-train (both directions would take you to the centre of Helsinki). To travel from the Airport to Helsinki city centre, you will need a ticket to [ABC zone](#) (and the ticket is also valid in the metro, trams or local busses). The ticket must be bought before the trip, for example from HSL ticket automates. The travel time is about 40 minutes to the railway station in the centre.

7. USEFUL LINKS

7.1 Travel

- [Helsinki-Vantaa airport](#)
- [Public transportation](#)
- [Journey planner](#) – selection of routes/times

7.2 Tourist

- [City of Helsinki](#)
- [Helsinki City Tourist Information](#)
- [Map of Helsinki](#)
- [This is Finland](#)
- [Covid travel entry details](#) (no requirements from EU and “Green list countries”)