

Joint meeting of the BeMAGIC and MagnEFi ITN networks

Aalto University

13 – 17 June 2022

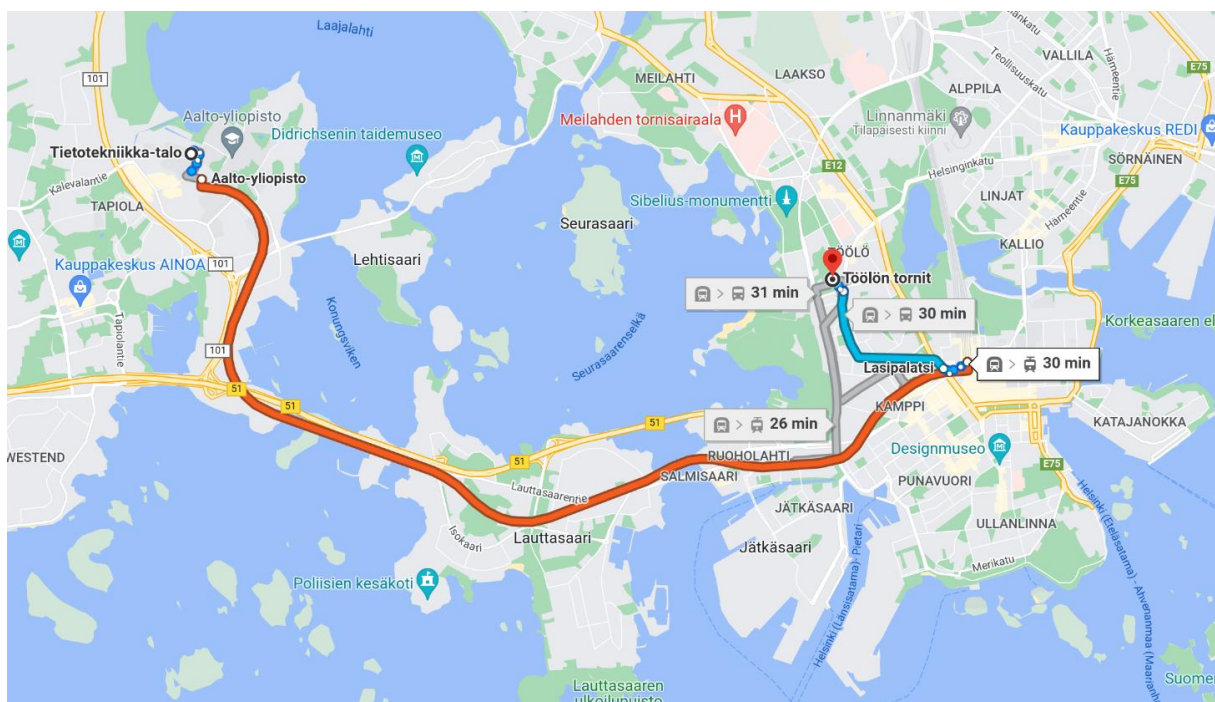


Travel and arrival in Finland

The meeting takes place at Aalto University, which is located on the Otaniemi campus about 10 km from the city center of Helsinki (Aalto-yliopisto on the map below). You can reach Helsinki by air from most European capitals and many other major cities. From the airport you can take any train (whatever direction) to the city center, or a direct airport bus. It takes 30 - 40 minutes to the center and an additional 15 minutes to the Töölö Towers (ESR accommodation) by walking or tram (line 1 or 2 stop “Lasipalatsi” to “Apollonkatu”).

From the airport to Aalto University, it takes about an hour by train/metro or 30-40 mins and ca. 50 € by taxi.

Most hotels are in Helsinki. Helsinki and Aalto University are connected by a metro line (13 mins). Public transport in the Helsinki area is effective. We recommend you download the local traffic app (HSL) on your mobile phone and book a daily ticket for 5 days (Mon to Fri), valid for all local transport (bus, tram, metro, train). For the trip from Helsinki to Aalto University you need a ticket for zone AB, from the airport to Helsinki ABC (probably two separate single ABC tickets are cheaper than an ABC ticket for several days).



Accommodation

The **ESRs** will stay in Töölö Towers, which is a university hotel facility in the city center of Helsinki (marked by Töölön Tornit in the map above). Rooms at Töölö Towers should be booked through the website: <https://unihome.fi/en/book>. On the website, select 'Töölö Towers' for the correct location. Using the promotional code 'AALTOJUNE', the discount price for a single room is 89€ per night.

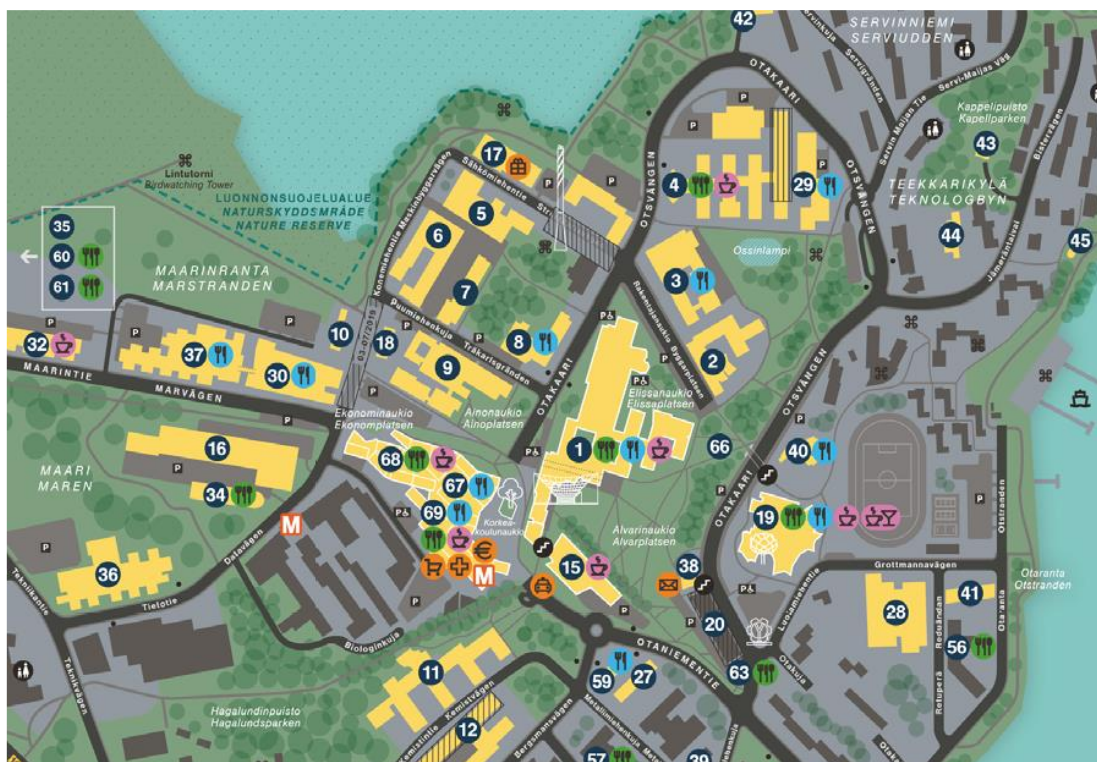
All **other participants** will stay in hotels. Suggestions are given below. Most hotels are in the city center of Helsinki. There is also a hotel on the Otaniemi campus of Aalto University (Radisson Blu Espoo). The prices are rough estimates (based on booking.com on 11/4). Other options can be found on the usual booking sites.

- Radisson Blu Espoo (near venue at Aalto University, 125€ per night, <https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-espoo>)
- Radisson Blu Royal Helsinki (Helsinki city center, near metro line, 175€ per night, <https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-helsinki-royal>)
- Scandic Simonkenttä (Helsinki city center, near metro line, 160€ per night, <https://www.scandichotels.com/hotels/finland/helsinki/scandic-simonkentta>)
- Hotel Helka (Helsinki city center, near metro line, 150€ per night, <https://www.hotelhelka.com/>)
- Original Sokos Hotel Presidentti (Helsinki city center, near metro line, 220€ per night, <https://www.sokoshotels.fi/fi/helsinki/sokos-hotel-presidentti>)
- Original Sokos Hotel Vaakuna (Helsinki city center, near metro line, 220€ per night, <https://www.sokoshotels.fi/en/helsinki/sokos-hotel-vaakuna>)
- Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, (Helsinki city center, near metro line, 175€ per night, <https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-helsinki>)
- Radisson Blu Aleksanteri (Helsinki city center, 15 mins from metro line, 150€ per night, <https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-helsinki-aleksanteri>)

Venue of the meeting

The meeting will take place in lecture hall C202 T1 (second floor) of the computer science building at Aalto University (number 30 on the map below, address: Konemiehentie 2, Espoo). To reach the lecture hall, you take the metro from the city center of Helsinki. From the Aalto University station (M on the map), it is a 2-minutes walk.





On the map:

- 30: Conference venue, computer science building
- 37: TUAS building, lunch restaurant
- M: entrance to the metro

Meeting program

The schedule of meeting is shown below. ESRs are expected to arrive on Sunday June 12, so they can attend the soft-skill training on Monday. Invited speakers give talks on Tuesday and Wednesday morning. The ESRs present their work on Thursday and Friday. Network management meetings will be organized on Thursday. The program will end on Friday afternoon around 15:00. More details about the program will follow in the next communication.

Besides the science, we will organize a sauna evening on Tuesday and a visit to Porvoo with a boat trip on Wednesday afternoon.

	Monday 13/6	Tuesday 14/6	Wednesday 15/6	Thursday 16/6	Friday 17/6
Morning	Soft skills: <i>Jane</i> <i>Christopher</i>	Invited talks	Invited talks	ESR talks	ESR talks
Afternoon	Soft skills: <i>Jane</i> <i>Christopher</i>	Invited talks	Social event	ESR talks + network management meetings	ESR talks (end around 15:00)
Evening	Dinner in Helsinki	Sauna with Dinner at Otaniemi	Dinner in Helsinki	Dinner in Helsinki	Free

Confirmed invited speakers (2 more will be added):

- Chiara Gattinoni (London South Bank University)
- Jeffrey McCord (Kiel University)
- Hide Kurebayashi (University College London)
- Gregory Malinowski (University de Lorraine)
- Amalio Fernández-Pacheco (University of Zaragoza)

Sauna evening with food

For Tuesday evening we booked a sauna near the meeting venue. The sauna is located on the sea. We will use the sauna together (mixed) with swim wear. During the evening, food will be catered.

Visit to Porvoo and boat trip

On Wednesday afternoon we will take a bus to Porvoo (old historic town 50 km from Helsinki). After a town walk, we will take a boat through the archipelago of southern Finland back to Helsinki. More details will follow.



Porvoo

COVID-19 regulations

Covid restrictions have been mostly revoked in Finland. Now, the number of Covid infections is still high. For up-to-date information and official entry rules, see:

<https://raja.fi/en/guidelines-for-border-traffic-during-pandemic>

Currently, entry into Finland from any country may be granted by presenting

- a certificate of a [complete and valid vaccination series](#). At least 7 days must have passed since the last vaccine dose has been received **OR**

- a single certificate that the person has recovered from covid-19 virus and has gotten one dose of [valid vaccine](#). It is equated to a complete covid-19 vaccination series. **OR**
- [EU digital COVID certificate](#) that proves the person has recovered from covid-19 within 6 months.

Finnish citizens as well as travellers arriving from EU/Schengen countries are not checked.

We strongly recommend all participants to take the full Covid vaccination with the booster. In Finland, Covid certificates are not being checked now.

Currently, you are required to wear a face mask in the university and in public transport. Hence you should wear the mask in the lecture hall and lobby. An FFP2 level mask is recommended, particularly for vulnerable people. Face masks and Covid home tests are available at any supermarket or pharmacy. There are some on the university campus.

Questions

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