

7th International Workshop CIA-2003 on Cooperative Information Agents

August 27-29, 2003, Helsinki, Finland



Local Information Guide



The workshop is held in the Sonera Conference Center:

Sonera Conference Center
Teollisuuskatu 11
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Helsinki, Finland

Should you have any concerns during your stay at Helsinki, don't hesitate to contact local organizers. Tel: +358 40 5535513 (Heikki Helin) or email: Heikki.j.Helin@teliasonera.com

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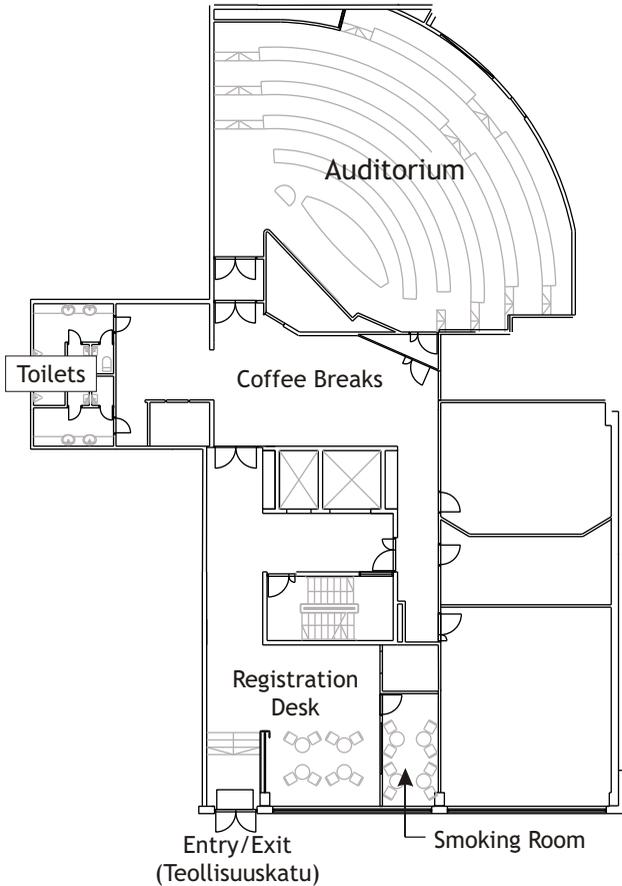


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Workshop Venue Floor Plan



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Where to have lunch?

Near the workshop venue, public restaurants are very few. Therefore, the recommended places to have lunch are Sonera canteens. Lunch prices varies from 3.5 to 7 euros. Menus are available in English.

Below is given walking directions to canteens closest to the workshop venue.

- 1. Gateway** (Teollisuuskatu 15): Turn right (downhill) from the workshop venue and walk straight few hundred meters. The Gateway canteen is in your right hand side.
- 2. Mobilante** (Elimäenkatu 5): Turn left (uphill) from the workshop venue. Turn left when you reach Sturenkatu (don't cross the street). On the next corner, turn left again (Elimäenkatu). The Mobilante is located in a glass building on the right hand side of the Elimäenkatu.



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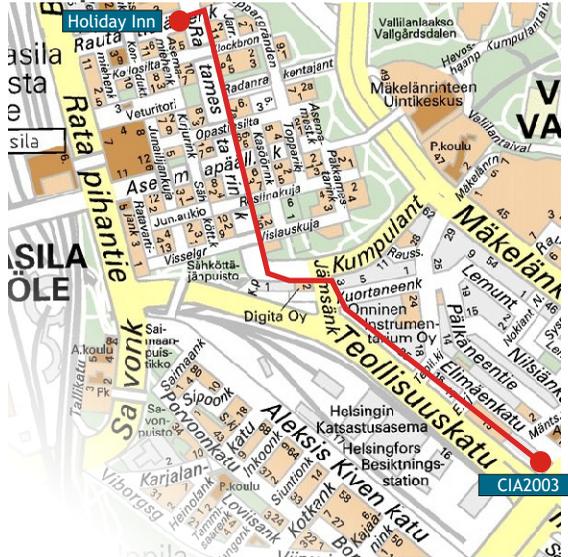
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How to reach the workshop venue from the Hotels

From Holiday Inn Pasila

The workshop venue is reachable by walking (~1.3km). One example route is as follows. First turn left from the hotel and walk to the cross section of Rautatieäistenkatu and Ratamestarinkatu. Turn right to the Ratamestarinkatu, and keep walking until you reach the Kumpulantie turning point. Follow the Kumpulantie, and turn right from the next cross section. Keep walking up to the T-turn of Teollisuuskatu, from where you should turn left. Follow the Teollisuuskatu up to the conference venue.



From Sokos Hotel Pasila

The workshop venue is reachable by walking (~1.6km). One example route is as follows. First turn left from the hotel and walk until you reach Pasilansilta. Turn right and walk until you reach Pasilansilta (a bridge that goes over railway tracks). Go over the bridge and walk until you reach Ratapihantie. Go over Ratapihantie and turn right. Continue walking on the sidewalk until you reach Teollisuuskatu. Turn left to the Teollisuuskatu and follow the Teollisuuskatu up to the conference venue.



You can also take a bus from Pasinlankatu to Teollisuuskatu (bus numbers #22 and #59). Timetables are available at the registration desk.

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How to reach the workshop venue from downtown

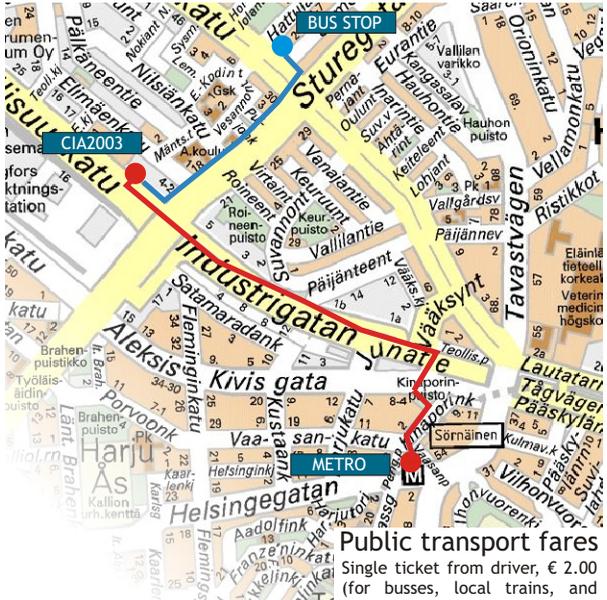
Public transport is easy to use in Helsinki, even if you're not familiar with the city. The line network is comprehensive and vehicles are in good condition.

The workshop venue can be reached from the downtown using public transport.

Perhaps the easiest way is to use metro (subway). The Helsinki metro network is very simple (see picture below). Stations are marked with letter M with orange background. In the downtown, there are (basically) three stations (Kamppi, Rautatientori (Central Railway Station), and Kaisaniemi). All these stations are quite close to each other. From the downtown, you should take a train that goes east (towards Mellunmäki or Vuosaari) and step out in Sörnäinen station. Stations will be announced in trains (some trains have displays for next station).

At the Sörnäinen station, take the escalator to the ground level. Immediately after this, take another escalator on your right to reach the street level. After this, you should see a small open area on your right (and a street on your left). Walk across the open area to reach Vaasankatu/Kinaporinkuja. Walk downhill Kinaporinkuja. Soon you should see the Aleksisrivi on your left. Aleksisrivi is easy to recognize as it has trees and a walkway in the middle. Go across the Aleksisrivi. The next street is the Junatie. Go across the Junatie and turn left. In few meters, the Junatie will change to the Teollisuuskatu. Follow the Teollisuuskatu to reach the workshop venue.

Another option is to use bus. Accompanying map shows the nearest bus stop when coming from downtown. However, this option may be more complicated than the metro option, and therefore not recommended. Contact the local organizers if you want to use this option.



Public transport fares

Single ticket from driver, € 2.00 (for busses, local trains, and metro). For Metro, you have to buy the ticket before entering the station. Tickets are good for transfers on any route and in any direction for a period of one hour from the time indicated by the validation stamp. The period is one hour and twenty minutes on the metro feeder routes.

Tram ticket from the driver € 1.70 (prepaid € 1.20)

Tourist tickets:
- 1 day € 4.80

Where to buy tickets

- Helsinki City Transport's Service points
- R-kiosk newsagents
- Ticket machines in every metro station, (selected) railway stations, Kauppatori Market square
- Drivers in trams and buses
- SMS-ticket by mobile

Helsinki Metro Map



For more information about public transport in Helsinki, see <http://www.hel.fi/hkl/english.html>

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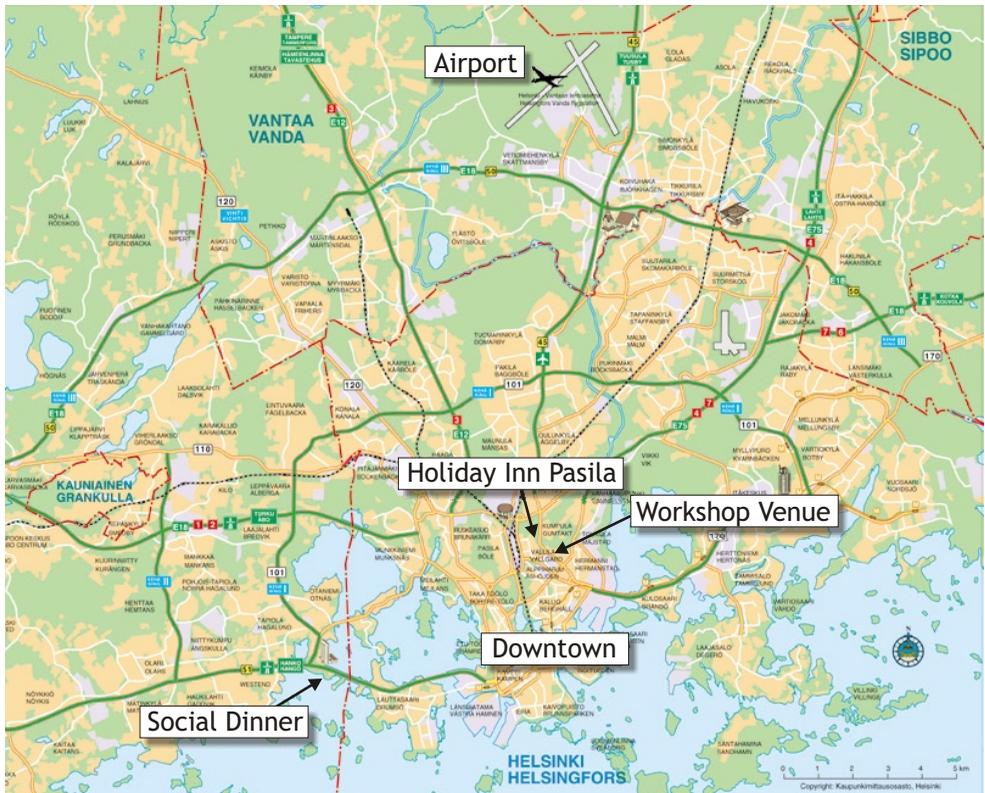
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How to reach hotels from the Airport

The nearest airport is the Helsinki-Vantaa airport. Helsinki-Vantaa Airport is situated about half an hour from the centre of Helsinki by road (19 km).

The hotels in the Helsinki city area are reachable by taxis, public busses, and Finnair City Busses. Taxi costs about 20 euros, whereas busses are below 5 euros. Taxi service is available just outside the arrivals level, whereas the busses leave about 50 meters away from the airport main building.

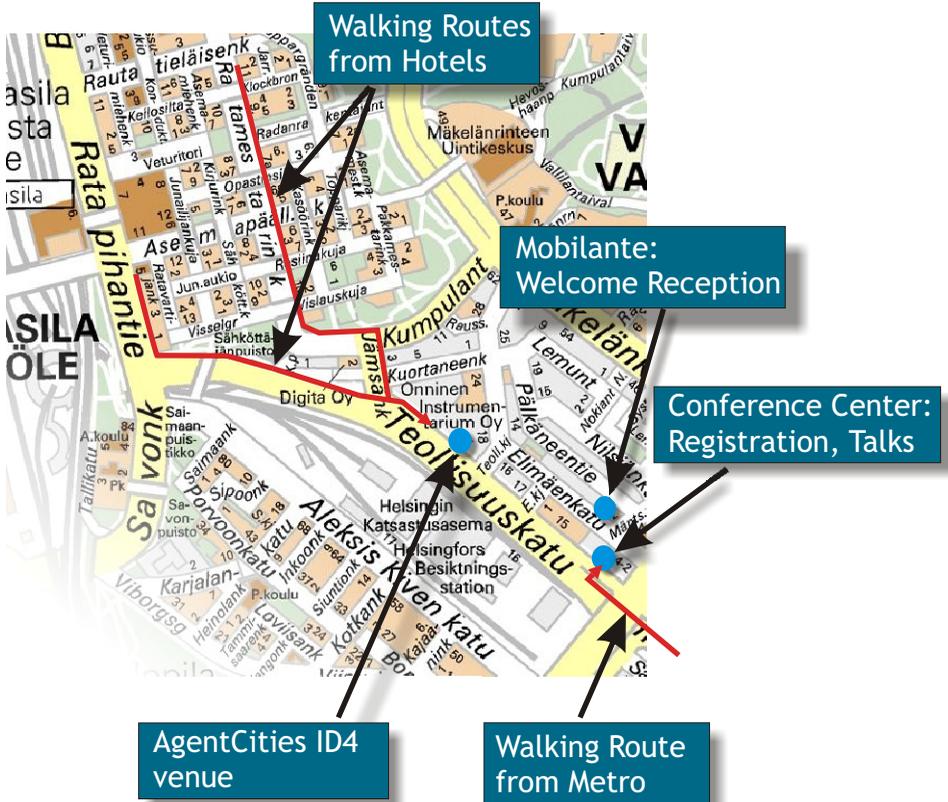


Helsinki and the Metropolitan Area



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Please note that there will be no daily shuttle bus transit between the workshop venue and the hotels. Therefore, we kindly ask you to either walk or use public transportation.



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