



CoARA WG Co-Chairs Forum: Connecting Efforts

MEETING VENUE



House of Sciences and Letters (Tieteiden talo)

Address: Kirkkokatu 6, 00170

Helsinki, FINLAND

TRAVEL AND ACCOMODATION

Participants are kindly asked to cover their own travel and accommodation expenses. However, in cases where Working Group Co-Chairs have no institutional or project-based travel budget at their disposal we recommend them to get in touch with the CoARA Secretariat. All other organisational costs (venue, catering etc.) are covered by the organisers.

List of hotels near the venue:

- Solo Sokos Hotel Helsinki <https://www.sokoshotels.fi/hotellit/helsinki/solo-sokos-hotel-helsinki>
- Original Sokos Hotel Vaakuna <https://www.sokoshotels.fi/hotellit/helsinki/original-sokos-hotel-vaakuna>
- Original Sokos Hotel Presidentti <https://www.sokoshotels.fi/hotellit/helsinki/original-sokos-hotel-presidentti>
- Scandic Simonkenttä <https://www.scandichotels.fi/hotellit/suomi/helsinki/scandic-simonkentta>
- Scandic Kaisaniemi <https://www.scandichotels.fi/hotellit/suomi/helsinki/scandic-kaisaniemi>
- Scandic Grand Central <https://www.scandichotels.fi/hotellit/suomi/helsinki/scandic-grand-central-helsinki>



TRANSPORTATION

By Bus:

1. **From Helsinki Airport:**
 - Take the **Finnair City Bus** or **Bus 615** to **Helsinki Central Railway Station**.
The bus journey takes about 30–40 minutes.
2. **From Helsinki Central Railway Station:**
 - Walk to **Rautatientori** tram stop.
 - Take **Tram 7** towards **Kauppatori** and get off at **Snellmaninkatu**. It's about a 5-minute tram ride.
 - Walk 5 minutes to Tieteiden talo, Kirkkokatu 6.

By Taxi:

Taxis are available at the airport. The journey to Tieteiden talo typically takes about 30 minutes, depending on traffic, and costs approximately €40–50.

Additional Tips

Tickets for public transportation can be purchased at HSL ticket machines, via the HSL app, or on the bus/train (note that cash payments may not be accepted on all buses).

Travel Time: The total travel time using public transport is approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour.

TIME ZONE

UTC +3 Eastern European Summer Time (EEST)

WEATHER

In September, Helsinki generally has moderate temperatures and moderate rainfall. Throughout the day, temperatures typically settle at around 16°C. But by evening, they drop to around 8°C.

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/fi/helsinki/133328/september-weather/133328?year=2024>

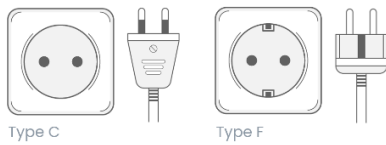
ELECTRICITY

Voltage: 230 volts

Frequency: 50 Hz



This is the most common plug type used:



OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

Country code: +358

Currency and Payments:

Currency: The currency used in Helsinki is the Euro (€).

Payments: Credit and debit cards are widely accepted. Mobile payments are also popular. ATMs are available throughout the city.

Language:

Finnish and Swedish are the official languages. However, English is widely spoken, especially in hotels, restaurants, and tourist areas.

Emergency Numbers:

- **Emergency Services (Police, Fire, Ambulance):** 112