

Lahti Summits
Informal Tripartite Social Summit
Informal Meeting of Heads of State or
Government
Working Dinner with the President of the Russian
Federation
Lahti, Finland, 20 October 2006

Preliminary information on media arrangements

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Media programme

For the media programme please see the
"Lahti Summits Joint media programme".

Information on the themes of the meeting

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Accreditation

Access to the venue is limited to
accredited media representatives.
On-line accreditation is possible at
www.eu2006.fi/accreditation.
Accreditation requests should be made
by 6 October at the latest.

Badges can be collected from the
accreditation desk. The desk is located
at Lahti Winter Sports Centre at
Salpausselänkatu, opposite of the media
centre.

Accreditation Desk opening hours:
Thursday, 19 October: 12.00 – 22.00
Friday, 20 October: 07.00 – 20.00

Accreditation contact person:



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Accommodation

Media representatives are requested
to make their own accommodation
reservations. A list of media hotels can
be found on the EU Presidency website at
www.eu2006.fi/accommodation.

Hotel rooms are also available in Helsinki.
Helsinki is one hour by train or express bus
from Lahti. Helsinki-Vantaa Airport (HEL)
is also the closest airport to Lahti. More
information on accommodation and a list of
hotels in Helsinki can be found at
www.hel.fi/tourism.

For more information, please contact:



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Meeting venue and the media centre

The meeting will take place at the Sibelius
Hall (Sibelius-talo, Ankkurikatu 7, more
at www.sibeliustalo.fi). The media centre
will be situated at the Lahti Fair Centre
(Lahden Suurhalli, Salpausselänkatu 7).

The distance between the media centre
and the Sibelius Hall is 1.5 km.

Information on Finland

virtual.finland.fi

Visas

Media representatives from outside the
EU may be required to present a visa when
entering Finland. For information on visa
requirements, please contact the Finnish
embassy in your country. A list of Finnish
diplomatic missions abroad is available at
www.formin.fi/public/default.aspx?nodeid=15203.

Customs regulations

General information on Finnish customs
regulations can be found at
www.tulli.fi/en.

The ATA Carnet is an international customs
document that permits duty-free and tax-
free temporary importation of professional
equipment outside of the EU.
www.iccwbo.org/ata/id2965/index.html

Arrivals and transport

The nearest airport is Helsinki-Vantaa
Airport (HEL). Information on flights to and
from Helsinki can be found at
www.helsinki-vantaa.fi/home.

There is a regular bus service from the
airport to Lahti bus station always on the
hour. Long distance bus timetables:
www.matkahuolto.fi/english

Fastest train connections from Helsinki to
Lahti take less than an hour. Timetables for
all trains: www.vr.fi/heo/eng

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Connections to the media centre

The media centre is a ten-minute walk from the Lahti central bus station and a 20-minute walk from the Lahti railway station.

Parking

Media representatives may use the car parks in the vicinity of the media centre.

Media centre

Address: Lahti Fair Centre, Salpausselänkatu 7, FI-15140 Lahti, Finland

Opening hours:

Thursday, 19 October: 12.00 – 01.00

Friday, 20 October: 06.00 – 02.00

Working facilities

Work stations in the media centre include:

- connection to Local Area Network (LAN) via cable
- access via LAN to a shared printer
- 1 telephone per 4 work stations
- wall sockets: 2-pin 230 volts 50 Hz
- some work stations are equipped with fixed computers (mainly Nordic keyboards)

Other facilities for shared use:

- fax machines
- photocopiers
- WLAN network

Reservations cannot be made for the shared work stations at the media centre.

Despite the use of the best technology, the limited number of available frequency bands will restrict the use of wireless communication in the media centre. Therefore, it is recommended to access the web via cable instead of WLAN.

Additional IT services, for instance ISDN connections, should be ordered before 6 October from TeliaSonera, the IT service provider. Users will be responsible for settling any additional charges.

Contact person at TeliaSonera:



Maj-Lis Lehessalo
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Radio and television booths

Finland's EU Presidency will provide radio and TV booths free of charge for use by the media. To book a radio or TV booth, please contact YLE, the host broadcaster. Contact information can be found under "Host broadcaster".

The booths will have the following standard equipment and services free of charge:

- 2 tables
- 4 office chairs
- desk lamp
- one telephone, connected to an analogue telephone line
- internet connection (one rj45 connector,

- Ethernet-type, connection 10/100 mbit/s)
- electrical supply: grounding type socket outlets, total 4 sockets, EURO 230V/50Hz, max 16A fuse
- TV 26" LCD
- rf-antenna outlet that carries host broadcaster channels and a set of public channels

There are 20 ISDN-lines available for shared use by all media representatives free of charge in the communal working area. Work stations with free ISDN-lines cannot be reserved.

Additional IT services, for instance dedicated ISDN connections, should be ordered before 6 October from TeliaSonera, the IT service provider. Users will be responsible for settling any additional charges. Contact information can be found under "Working facilities".

Outside broadcasting vehicles

Parking for broadcasters' SNG trucks and OB vans will be provided outside the venue and allocated by the host broadcaster. All vehicles must arrive by 18.00 on 18 October. Please, inform the host broadcaster about your arrival. Contact information can be found under "Host broadcaster".

Short time licences for transportable earth stations can be obtained from FICORA.
www.ficora.fi/suomi/lomake/MAL.dot

Additional IT services for vans are to be ordered before 6 October from TeliaSonera, the IT service provider. Users will be responsible for settling any additional charges. Contact information can be found under "Working facilities for media".

Host broadcaster

Finland's national public service broadcasting company YLE will act as the host broadcaster during Finland's EU Presidency and provide services in cooperation with the EBU (European Broadcasting Union).

For radio and TV working facilities and stand-up platforms, please contact YLE directly. Contact persons in YLE:



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Webcasting

The Presidency press conferences can be followed live and later as a recording at www.eu2006.fi/webcasts.

Press conferences

Interpretation will only be available at Presidency press conferences. All national conferences will be conducted in the language/languages of the country holding the press conference.

Pools

Each delegation will receive a limited number of pool cards for certain photo opportunities for the duration of the Lahti Summit. Pool cards can be obtained from national press officers.

Host photographer

The Presidency will provide a limited number of photographs by the host photographer for use by the media at www.eu2006.fi/photos.

Presidency press directory for mobile phones

A Presidency press directory for mobile phones can be installed free of charge on selected mobile phone models. The directory includes photographs of the Finnish Government Ministers and information on media contacts.

For more information, please contact:



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Skype

Selected Presidency media services in the media centre can be contacted by webcam or by speech via Skype. Download free program at www.skype.com.

SMS text information on media arrangements

Media representatives can receive information on Presidency press conferences and main media events by SMS text messages. Subscriptions for the SMS service can be arranged through the media centre.

Presidency news by SMS text message and e-mail

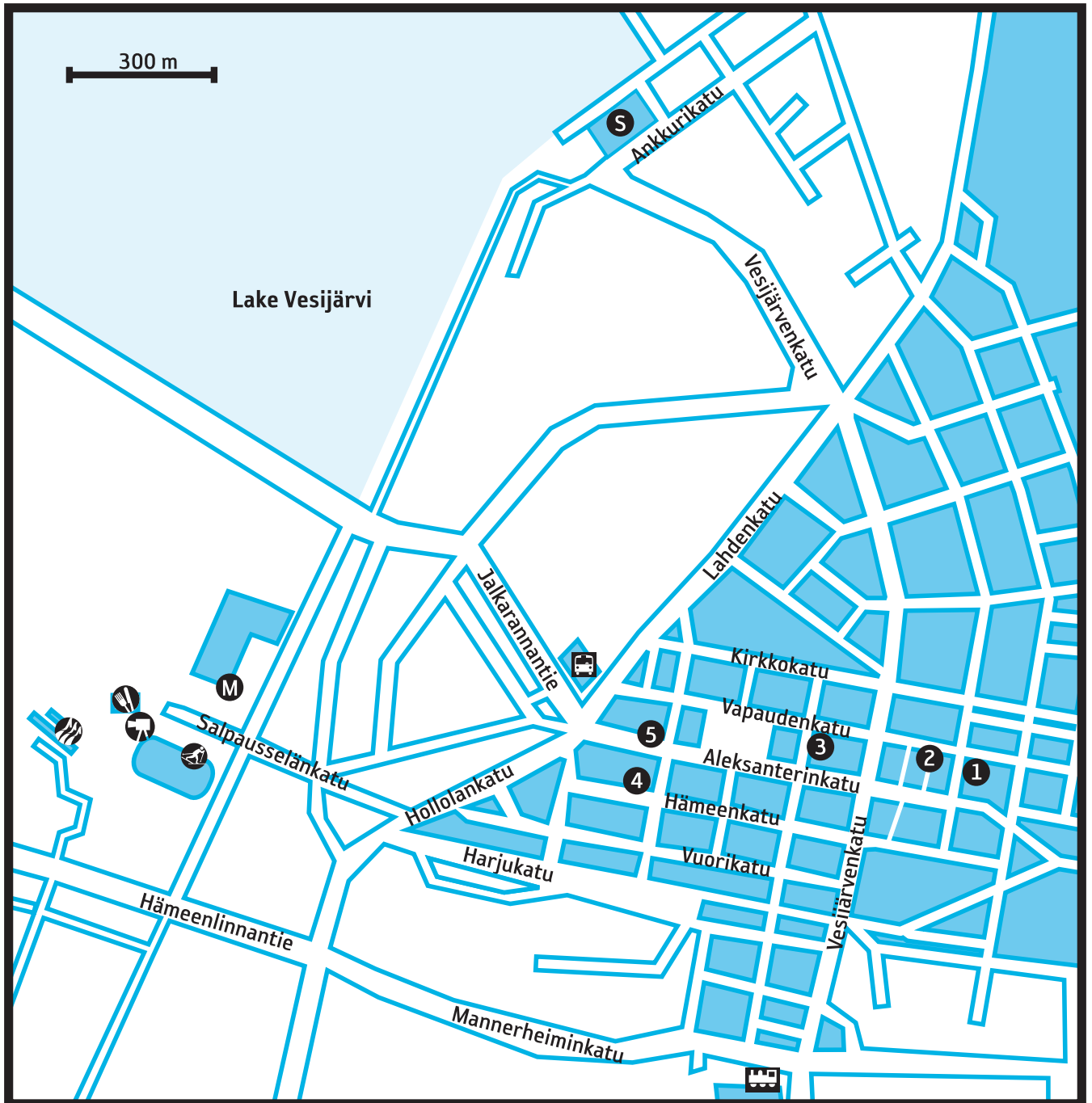
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Feedback

We are happy to receive your comments and suggestions. E-mail: media@eu2006.fi

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| S Sibelius Hall | Central bus station |
| M Media centre at Lahti Fair Centre | Central railway station |
| Winter Sports Centre | 1 Kauppahotelli Grand |
| Restaurant Voitto | 2 Cumulus Lahti |
| Jumping Hill | 3 Hotel Musta Kissa |
| Stand-up positions | 4 Hotel Lahti |
| | 5 Alex Park Hotel |