

Informal ministerial meeting:
Gender Equality
Helsinki, Finland, 6-7 October 2006

Preliminary information on media arrangements

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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 29 September at the latest.

Badges will be available from the accreditation desk in the House of the Estates (Address: Snellmaninkatu 9-11) from 17.30 to 18.40 on 6 October for photographers and in the media centre (Address: Parliament, Annex building, Arkadiankatu 3) from 08.30 to 13.00 on 7 Oct for all media representatives.



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Accommodation

Media representatives are requested to make their own accommodation reservations. Information on accommodation can be found at <http://www.hel2.fi/tourism/EN/matko.asp>

Arrivals and transport

Information on flights to and from Helsinki can be found at www.helsinki-vantaa.fi/home. Finnair City Bus (www.finnair.com/filecontent/com/citybus_com.txt) and buses 415, 615 and 615T run between the airport and central Helsinki (railway station).



- A** The House of the Estates accreditation on 6 October
- M** Parliament, Annex building meeting venue and media centre accreditation on 7 October

Information on Helsinki at

www.hel.fi/tourism

Venue

The meeting will take place in the Finnish Parliament. More information at www.eduskunta.fi

Media centre

Address: Parliament, Annex building, Arkadiankatu 3, Helsinki, Finland

Opening hours of the media centre:
Saturday, 7 October: 08.00-15.00

Connections to the media centre

The media centre is less than five minutes' walk from the city centre (railway station).

Working facilities

Shared work stations in the media centre include:

- Connection to Local Area Network (LAN)
- Access via LAN to shared printer
- 1 telephone per 6 work stations
- Wall sockets: 2-pin 230 volts 50 Hz

Some of the work stations are equipped with fixed computers.

Other facilities for shared use:

- Fax machine
- Photocopier
- WLAN network

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, please contact YLE directly.



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Registration is required for media pools and can be done at the accreditation desk.

Host photographer

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Preliminary media programme

Friday 6 October

- 17.30-18.40 Accreditation for photographers at the House of the Estates
-  18.00-19.00 Banquet guests arrive at the House of the Estates
Free photo opportunity outside
-  19.00 Greetings and family photo inside the House of the Estates, photo opportunity (pool)
Assembly in the entrance hall of the House of the Estates at 18.40, accreditation pass required

Saturday, 7 October

- 08.00 Media centre and accreditation open
- 08.15-08.45 Participants in the meeting arrive at the venue
-  08.30 Photo opportunity (pool), tour de table (plenary session)
Assembly in the media centre at 08.15
-   12.45 Presidency press conference (pool), accreditation pass required
Assembly in the media centre at 12.35