

EU-Russia Summit:
24 November 2006
Helsinki, Finland

Information on media arrangements

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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 17 November at the latest.

Badges will be available from the accreditation desk in the media centre (Helsinki City Hall, address: Pohjoisesplanadi 11-13, Helsinki) on 24 November from 7.30 to 15.00.



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Accommodation

Media representatives are requested to make their own accommodation reservations. Information on accommodation can be found e.g. at www.hel.fi/tourism.

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/english.

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. www.iccwbo.org/ata/id2965/index.html.

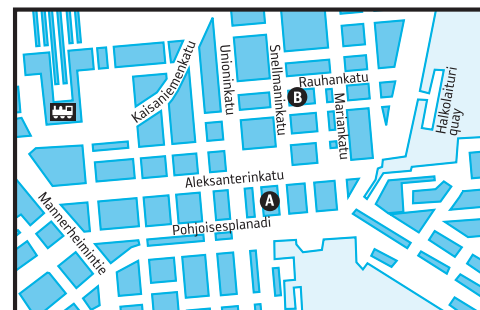
Arrivals and transport

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. Journey time is about 30 minutes.

Meeting venue

The meeting will take place at the House of the Estates (address: Snellmaninkatu 9-11, Helsinki). More information on the venue at www.vnk.fi/ministerio/toimitilat/saatytaalo/en.jsp.



- A Accreditation and Media Centre
- B Meeting Venue

Media centre

Helsinki City Hall
Address: Pohjoisesplanadi 11-13, Helsinki

Opening hours:
Friday 24 November: 07.30 – 20.00

Connections to the media centre

Helsinki City Hall is a fifteen-minute walk from the main railway station. Trams 3B, 4 and 7B from the city centre run along Aleksanterinkatu, a street close to the media centre.

Working facilities

Work stations in the media centre include:

- Connection to Local Area Network (LAN) via cable
- Access via LAN to a shared printer
- Telephones

- Wall sockets: 2-pin 230 volts 50 Hz
- Some work stations are equipped with fixed computers

Other facilities for shared use:

- Photocopier
- Fax machines
- 4 ISDN lines for shared use

Webcasting

The presidency press conference can be followed live and later as recording on the web at www.eu2006.fi/webcasts.

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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Pools

Registration is required for media pools and can be done at the information desk at the Helsinki City Hall.

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 news by SMS text message and e-mail

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Preliminary media programme

Friday 24 November

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| 7.30 | Media accreditation and media centre open, Helsinki City Hall |
| | Arrivals to the EU coordination meeting at the House of the Estates, pool 1
Photo opportunity outside the House of the Estates Assembly in the media centre (Helsinki City Hall) at 8.15

EU coordination meeting, the House of the Estates |
| | Arrivals of the EU-Russia Business Corporation Council's delegation, pool 2
Photo opportunity outside the House of the Estates Assembly in the media centre (Helsinki City Hall) at 8.55 |
| | Arrivals of the Russian delegation at the House of the Estates, pool 2
Photo opportunity outside the House of the Estates Assembly in the media centre (Helsinki City Hall) at 8.55 |
| | Greetings by Prime Minister Matti Vanhanen, pool 3
Assembly in the media centre (Helsinki City Hall) at 9.00 |
| | Tour de table (EU-Russia Business Corporation Council), pool 3B
Assembly in the media centre (Helsinki City Hall) at 9.00

Meeting with EU-Russia Business Corporation Council (Leaders only) |
| | Tour de table (EU-Russia Summit), pool 3
Assembly in the media centre (Helsinki City Hall) at 9.00

EU-Russia Summit, the House of the Estates |
| | Summit photograph, the House of the Estates, pool 4
Assembly in the media centre (Helsinki City Hall) at 11.55 |
| 12.30-14.00 | Lunch for media in the media centre |
| | Arrivals of Prime Ministers of Norway and Iceland, pool 5
Photo opportunity outside the House of the Estates Assembly in the media centre (Helsinki City Hall) at 14.00 |
| | Greetings by Prime Minister Matti Vanhanen, pool 6
Assembly in the media centre (Helsinki City Hall) at 14.10 |
| | Tour de table (Northern Dimension Summit), pool 6
Assembly in the media centre (Helsinki City Hall) at 14.10

Northern Dimension Summit (Meeting with Prime Ministers of Norway and Iceland to endorse the Policy Framework Document of the Northern Dimension over the Northern Dimension) |
| | Northern Dimension Summit photograph, the House of the Estates, pool 7
Assembly in the media centre (Helsinki City Hall) at 14.55 |
| 15.00 | Media accreditation closes |
| WEB 15.30-16.30 | Presidency press conference at the Helsinki City Hall. Joint press conference of the EU-Russia and Northern Dimension Summits. Webcasting is available at www.eu2006.fi/webcasts . |
| 20.00 | Media centre closes |

President Vladimir Putin of the Russian Federation will meet President of the Republic Tarja Halonen on **Thursday 23 November**.

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N.B. A separate accreditation is required for the visit on 23 November.