

Informal ministerial meeting:
Economic and Financial Affairs (Ecofin)
Helsinki, Finland, 8–9 September 2006

Preliminary information on media arrangements

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Media programme

For the media programme please see the "Joint media programme for the Informal Ecofin Council, EU-Republic of Korea Summit, EU-China Summit and ASEM 6 Summit" at www.eu2006.fi/mediaguides.

Information on the themes of the meeting

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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. Requests for accreditation should be made no later than on August 25.

Badges will be available at the Accreditation Desk which is located at Akava House just opposite the venue (address: Kelloilta 7, FI-00521 Helsinki)

Opening hours of the accreditation desk:
Thursday 7, September: 12.00–21.00
Friday, 8 September: 08.00–21.00
Saturday, 9 September: 08.00–21.00
Sunday, 10 September: 08.00–21.00
Monday, 11 September: 08.00–18.00



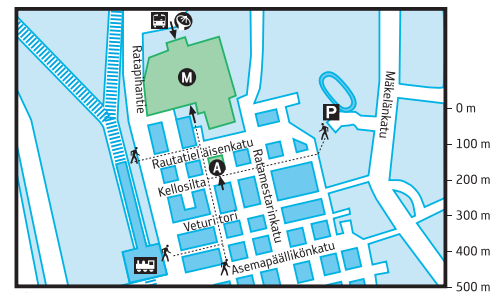
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Accommodation

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.

Venue

The meeting will take place at the Helsinki Fair Centre (address: Messuaukio 1, FI-00521 Helsinki). More information at www.finnexpo.fi



- A** Accreditation (Kelloilta 7)
- M** Meeting venue and media centre, Helsinki Fair Centre
- Entry to the media centre and accreditation desk
- P** Parking (Velodrome, Mäkelänkatu 70)
- Shuttle bus stop
- Pasila railway station
- Outside-broadcasting vehicles

Information on Helsinki

www.hel.fi/tourism

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.

Connections to the media centre

The media centre is a five-minute walk from the Pasila railway station.

Parking

Media representatives may use the Helsinki Velodrome car park (address: Mäkelänkatu 70).

Media centre

Address: Helsinki Fair Centre,
Messuaukio 1, FI-00521 Helsinki

Opening hours:

Thursday 7, September: 12.00–23.00

Friday, 8 September: 07.00–23.00

Saturday, 9 September: 07.00–24.00

Sunday, 10 September: 24 hrs

Monday, 11 September: 24 hrs

Tuesday, 12 September: 00.00–12.00

Working facilities

Shared 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 2 work stations
- Wall sockets: 2-pin 230 volts 50 Hz
- Some work stations are equipped with fixed computers (mainly with Nordic keyboards)

Other facilities for shared use:

- Fax machines
- Photocopiers
- WLAN network

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 31 August from TeliaSonera, the IT service provider. The fees for additional services will be charged to the user.



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Radio and television booths

YLE, the Presidency's host broadcaster, will provide radio and television booths free of charge for use by the media. The booths will have the following standard equipment and services:

- Table 80 cm x 160 cm
- Two 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, carries host broadcaster channels and a set of public channels

Additional IT services, for instance ISDN connections, should be ordered before 31 August from TeliaSonera, the IT service provider. The fees for additional services will be charged to the user. Contact information can be found under "Working facilities".

Outside broadcasting vehicles

Parking space 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 6 September. 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 the vans are to be ordered before 31 August from TeliaSonera, the IT service provider. The fees for additional services will be charged to the user. Contact information can be found under "Working facilities".

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 platforms, please contact YLE directly. Contact persons in YLE:



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Webcasting

Presidency press conferences on the Eurogroup and Ecofin meetings can be followed live and later as recordings on the web at www.eu2006.fi/webcasts.

Press conferences

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

Pools

Registration is required for media pools and can be done at the Media Info Desk in the Media Centre.

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.



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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

To subscribe for the Presidency SMS text message and e-mail news service, please visit www.eu2006.fi/news_subscription.

Feedback

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

