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BALTIPLAST Final Conference Practicalities

10-11 December 2025, Turku, Finland



The project BALTIPLAST co-financed by Interreg Baltic Sea Region helps driving the transition to a green and resilient Baltic Sea region.

Travel Recommendations

There are several ways to get to Turku, Finland:

By Train

Turku is well connected by train from major Finnish cities, including Helsinki. You can check schedules and book tickets via the Finnish Railways (VR):

VR Train Services: <https://www.vr.fi/en>

By Plane

Turku Airport (TKU) offers domestic and international flights. From the airport, you can reach the city center by taxi or local bus services.

Turku Airport Information: <https://www.finavia.fi/en/airports/turku>

Public Transport in Turku

Turku's local transport system, Föli, provides buses and other services across the city and surrounding areas. You can plan your route and check timetables online:

Föli Public Transport: <https://www.foli.fi/en>

By Car

Turku is accessible by car, but parking in the city center may be limited. Conference venues such as Hotel Kakola and Turku Castle offer a limited number of parking spaces for guests. Please check with your accommodation for availability and pricing.



Event Venues

Hotel Kakola – accommodation and conference venue

Address: Kakolankatu 14, 20100 Turku, Finland

Phone: +358600301555(0.56€/min+localrate)

Email: myynti@kakola.fi

Website: www.hotelkakola.fi

Highlights:

- Unique hotel located in a former prison
- Offers accommodation, meeting rooms, and spa services
- BALTIPLAST room quota available until 12 November 2025
- Rates: Single room €102/night, Double room €122/night (including breakfast)
- Booking code: Baltiplast

Turku Castle – reception venue

Address: Linnankatu 80, 20100 Turku, Finland

Phone: +358 2 2620300

Website: www.turunlinna.fi

Highlights:

- Largest medieval building in Finland
- Serves as a museum and event venue
- The reception venue includes stairs, and accessible entry may require advance arrangements. Contact rosa.puusaari@turku.fi if you have any mobility limitations that we should be aware of to support your access to the venue.
- BALTIPLAST cocktail event held in the Queen's Hall on 10 December 2025, 18:00–21:00

Cultural and Site Visits

Kakola Hotel Area – Cultural and historical tour of the former prison

Location: Kakolankatu 14, 20100 Turku, Finland

Description:

Explore the unique history of the Kakola area through a guided cultural and historical tour. The tour takes you through the former prison facilities of the Kakola Hotel, offering insights into its past as one of Finland's most well-known correctional institutions.

Highlights:

- Guided walk through the old prison buildings
- Stories and anecdotes from Kakola's history
- Opportunity to experience the transformation from prison to boutique hotel

Saaroniemi, Ruissalo – Sauna and swimming in the Baltic Sea

Location: Saaroniemi, Ruissalo Nature Reserve, Turku, Finland

Description:

Relax and rejuvenate in a traditional Finnish sauna located in the scenic Ruissalo nature reserve. After the sauna, take a refreshing dip in the Baltic Sea at the Saaroniemi beach.

Highlights:

- Authentic Finnish sauna experience
- Swimming in the Baltic Sea
- Surrounded by the natural beauty of Ruissalo
- Remember to bring your own bathing suit and towel

Escape Game: Escape the Plastic Crisis!

Location: Hotel Kakola premises

Description:

Escape the Plastic Crisis! Easy, interactive, and extremely captivating way to learn about plastic and sustainable alternatives to it, to make sure our planet escapes the crisis in time!

Ruissalo Botanical Garden – Guided visit to the garden's smart water system

Location: Ruissalo Nature Reserve, Turku, Finland

Description:

Discover the smart water system applied at the Botanical Garden of the University of Turku, located in the heart of the Ruissalo nature reserve. The guided visit includes the impressive greenhouse collections

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Other recommendations for accommodation

Radisson Blu Marina Palace

Address: Linnankatu 32, 20100 Turku

Distance: ~1.2 km / 15 min walk

Original Sokos Hotel Seurahuone

Address: Humalistonkatu 2, 20100 Turku

Distance: ~1.4 km / 18 min walk

Original Sokos Hotel Wiklund

Address: Eerikinkatu 11, 20100 Turku

Distance: ~1.5 km / 20 min walk

Scandic Hamburger Börs

Address: Kauppiaskatu 6, 20100 Turku

Distance: ~1.6 km / 21 min walk

Park Hotel Turku

Address: Rauhankatu 1, 20100 Turku

Distance: ~1.7 km / 22 min walk

Overview of relevant places in Turku

Final Conference Venues and 6th General Assembly



Hotel Kakola – accommodation and conference venue. Kakola Hotel Area – Cultural and historical tour of the former prison and escape game.



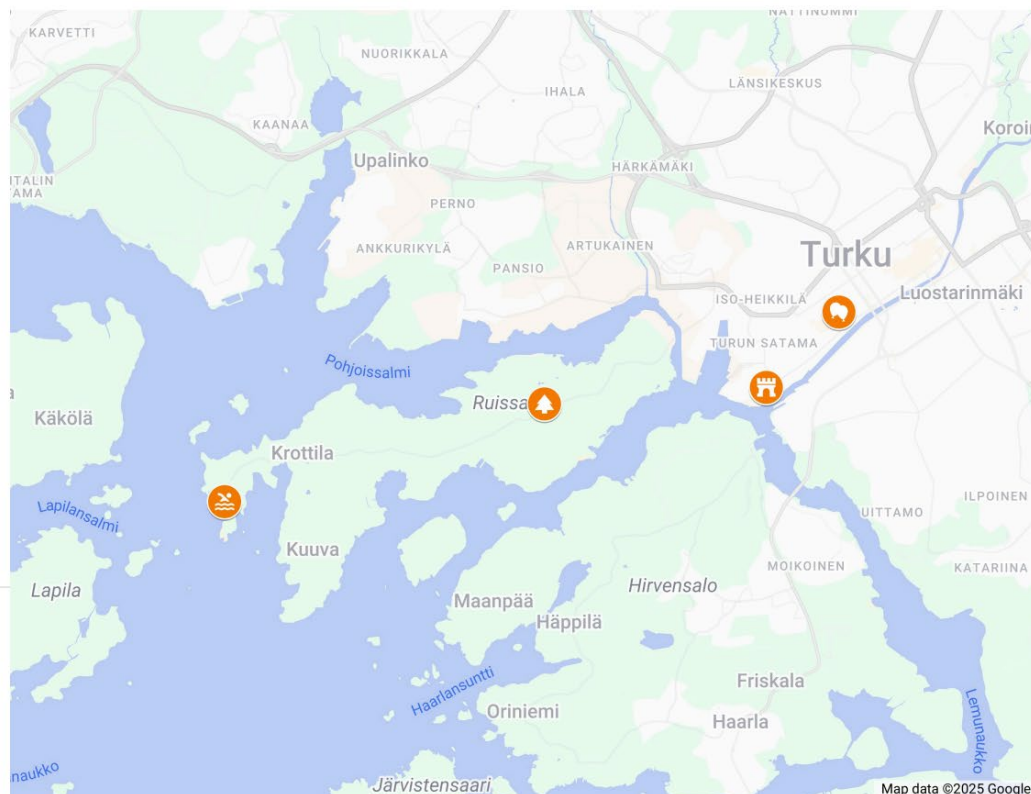
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Saaroniemi, Ruissalo – Sauna and swimming in the Baltic Sea



Ruissalo Botanical Garden – Guided visit to the garden and greenhouse collections



Language

The language of the event is English.

Participation fees

The event is free of charge for the participants. The participants must cover their own travel, accommodation and other expenses.

Contact

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