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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

Topinoja Waste Management Centre – Guided tour and introduction to modern waste management

Location: Topinojantie 100, 20380 Turku

Discover how waste is managed and recycled in Turku through a guided tour of the Topinoja Waste Management Centre. The visit includes an introduction to the facility's operations and a short lecture on current waste management practices and innovations.

Highlights:

- Guided walk through the waste management facilities
- Insights into modern waste sorting and recycling processes
- Brief lecture on local waste management solutions and sustainability

Saaroniemi, Ruissalo – Sauna and swimming in the Baltic Sea

Location: Saaroniemi, Ruissalo Nature Reserve, Turku

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 contemplating on plastic pollution consequences
- 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

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 – Researching climate change and testing water management solutions

Location: Ruissalon puistotie 215, 20100 Turku

Ruissalo is a ca. 7 x 2 km island within the City of Turku, characterized by southern climate and large, protected oak forests.

The Botanical Garden on the island of Ruissalo contains thousands of plant species both in greenhouses and in the outdoor garden – an excellent testbed for experiments in controlled terrestrial environments. The garden has many functions in education, public awareness raising, and supporting multidisciplinary research on climate change, biodiversity, and the sustainable use of natural resources. The guided visit will feature a general presentation of the garden and an introduction to its water management approach ensuring removal of different pollutants, including microplastics.



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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.



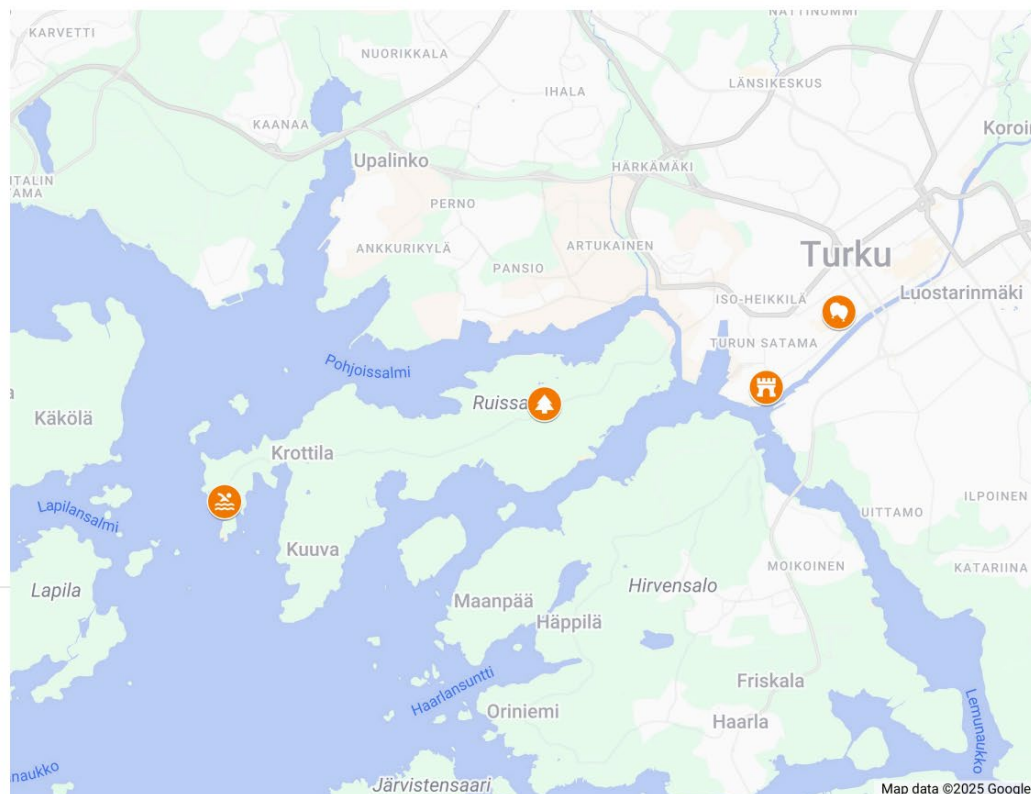
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Saaroniemi, Ruissalo – Sauna and swimming in the Baltic Sea



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.

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