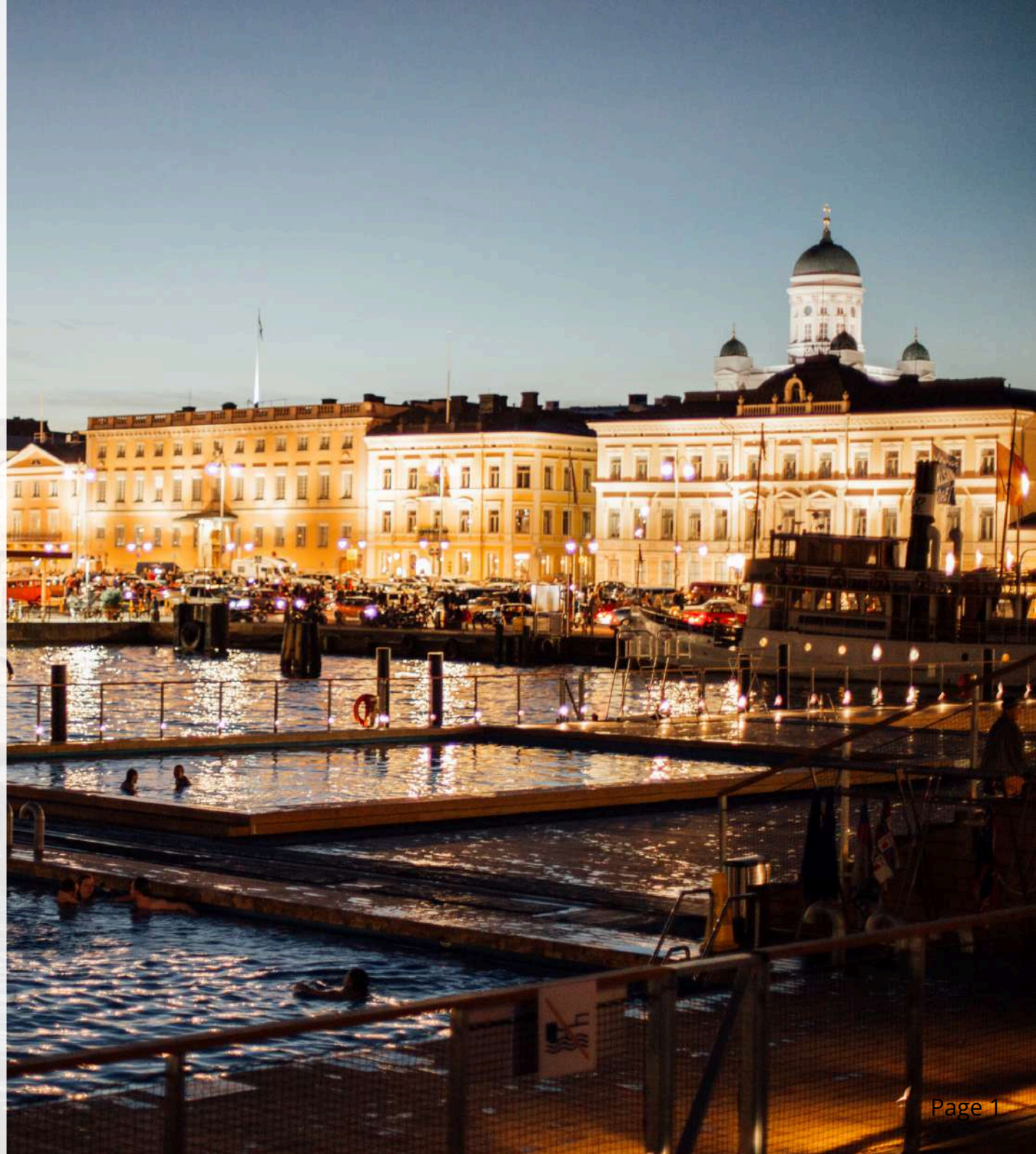


XII Unite! Dialogue
Connect and Collaborate

Welcome Guide

Aalto University
Espoo, Finland
6-9 October, 2025



Dear Uniters,

It is our pleasure to warmly welcome you to the XII Unite! Dialogue. We're delighted to open the Aalto University campus in Espoo, Finland, to our colleagues from across the alliance for engaging dialogue, meaningful collaborations, and new connections. As a community committed to radical creativity, sustainability, and collaboration, we look forward to sharing a glimpse of Aalto's leading spirit in the days ahead.

This Dialogue's theme, "Connect and Collaborate", represents what Unite! stands for. Whether you're a student, a researcher, a member of staff, or faculty, this Dialogue is an opportunity to come together, initiate ideas, and build sustainable collaboration across Europe that advances the future of education, research and innovation.

As we believe here at Aalto, everything starts with the people. As always, community and cross-community meetings are at the heart of the Dialogue programme. We've also placed emphasis on early-career researchers, with a dedicated parallel programme designed to help them connect and collaborate with their peers.

Beyond the meetings, we hope you have the opportunity to attend an interesting lab visit showcasing Aalto's research or a social activity that reflects our proud Finnish culture.

Thank you for being part of the Unite! community. We're excited to see the connections and collaborations that will emerge during your time here.

Warmly, from the happiest country in the world,

Minna-Kaarina Forssén, D.Sc. (Tech) Key Liaison Officer
Ilkka Niemelä, President of Aalto, Unite! Vice President
Petri Suomala, Vice President for Education

Let's connect and collaborate!

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01 | The Venue

Aalto University
Otaniemi Campus
Espoo, Finland



Aalto University: History and architecture

Aalto University began operations in 2010, with the merging of the Helsinki School of Economics, the School of Art and Design, and the Helsinki University of Technology. The new university took its name from perhaps the most internationally renowned and respected Finnish architect, Alvar Aalto, who was also a designer and entrepreneur.

The university's main campus in Otaniemi offers an inspiring blend of Aalto's architectural legacy and cutting-edge modern facilities. The campus's red brick buildings are a reference to old Finnish industrial architecture.

Registration, opening and closing ceremonies, coffee breaks and some meetings take place in the iconic Undergraduate Centre, designed by Aalto and his second wife, Elissa Aalto. Parallel community meetings will also be held in other Aalto-designed buildings, such as the Harald Herlin Learning Centre.

Other architectural gems found on the Otaniemi campus include Reima and Raili Pietilä's Dipoli, and the Otaniemi chapel designed by Heikki and Kaija Sirén.

Otaniemi has been designated as a nationally significant cultural environment by the National Board of Antiquities.

Architecture buffs can read more about the diverse architecture and layout of the entire campus here:

<https://www.aalto.fi/en/campus/otaniemi-a-crown-jewel-of-finnish-architecture>

Or take a look at a website dedicated to Aalto's architecture that appears in other countries throughout Europe:

<https://visit.alvaraalto.fi/en/destinations/espoo/>



Reima and Raili Pietilä's Dipoli

Online links to meeting venues and maps

Printed campus maps will be available at the info desk, however, please also check the online map linked below to find rooms and restaurants. You can view the area as a whole or zoom in on individual buildings and view their floor maps. You can also search for services or facilities with the search bar and categories at the bottom of the map.

[Browse the campus map here.](#)

Direct links to buildings where most meetings take place

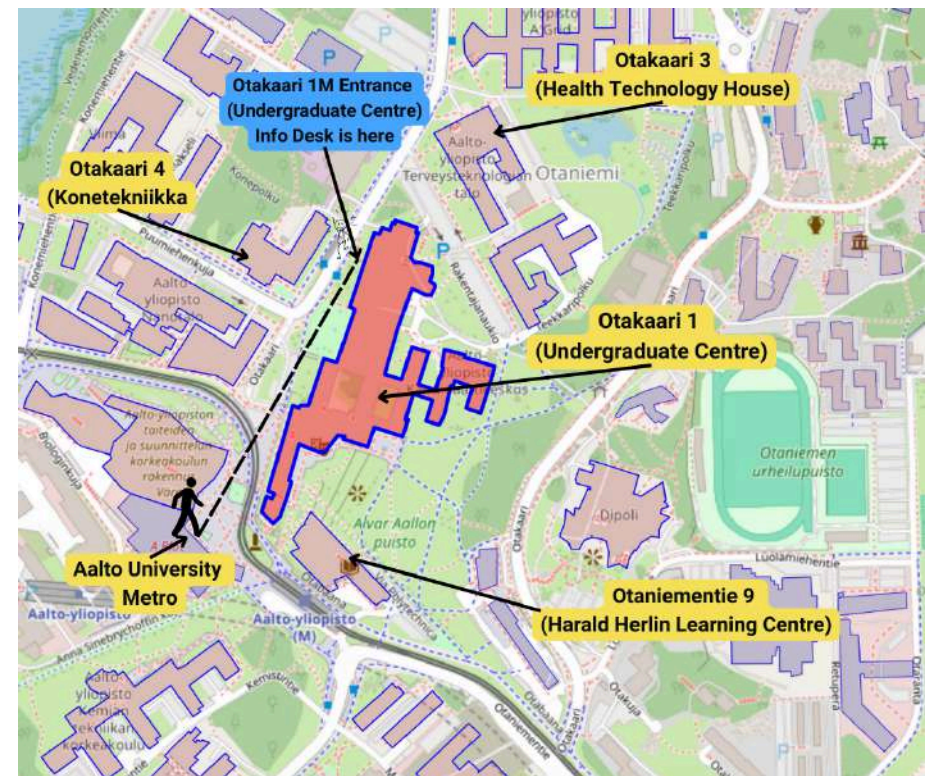
Otakaari 1 | Undergraduate Centre | Kandidaattikeskus
<https://www.aalto.fi/en/locations/undergraduate-centre>

Otakaari 3 | Health Technology House
<https://www.aalto.fi/en/locations/health-technology-house>

Otakaari 4 | Konetekniikka
<https://www.aalto.fi/en/locations/otakaari-4>

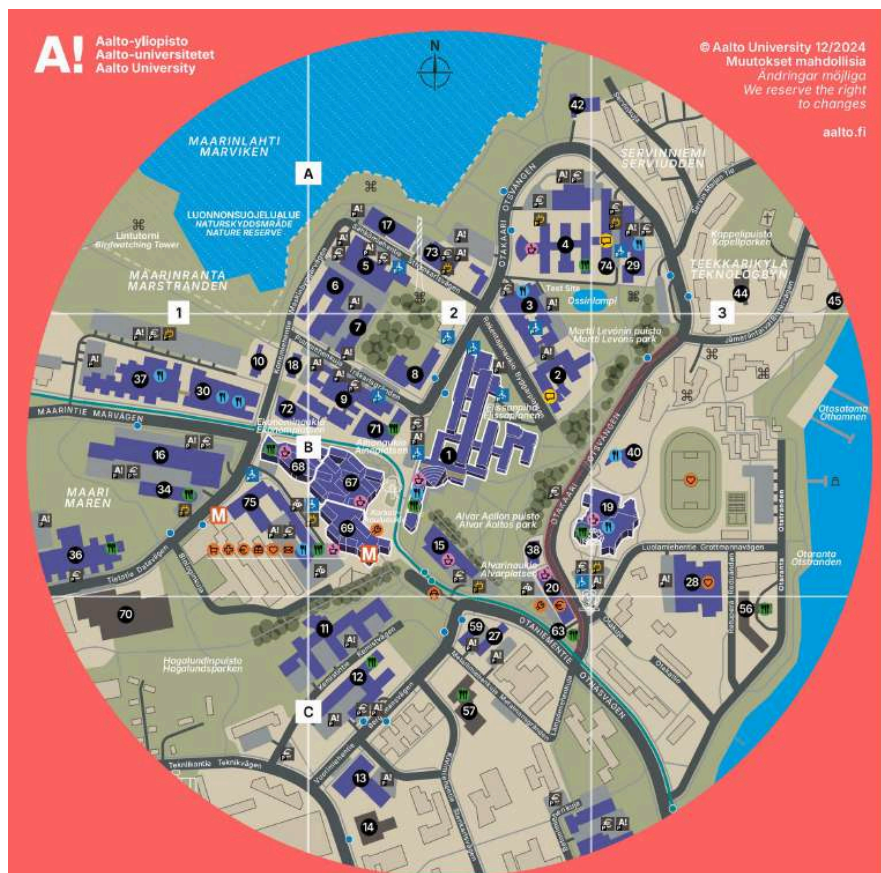
Otaniementie 9 | Harald Herlin Learning Centre | Oppimiskeskus
<https://www.aalto.fi/en/locations/harald-herlin-learning-centre>











Below is a bird's-eye view of the buildings where most meetings take place. If you're arriving at Aalto University via metro, walk directly to the 'M Entrance' of Otakaari 1 to find the Information Desk.



Walk (about 200 mtrs) straight from the metro to the Information Desk

Campus map



	Metro / Metro
	Lautta / Färja / Ferry
	Bussipysäkki / Busshållplats / Bus stop
	Työmaa-alue / Byggsplats / Construction site
	Nähtävyyks / Attraktion / Point of interest
	Pysäköinti (maksullinen) Parkerings (med avgift) / Paid parking
	Pysäköinti Aalto-yliopiston luvalla Parkerings med Universitetets tillstånd Parking with university permit
	Pysäköinti (ilman pysäköintilupaa) Parkerings (utan parkeringsstillstånd) Parking (without parking permit)
	Esteetön pysäköinti Tillgänglig parkering / Accessible parking
	Lähdöautojen latauspaikka Laddplats för elbil / Electric vehicle charging point

Otaniemi / Otnäs

[illegible]

Palvelut / Tjänster / Services

RAVINTOLAT Restauranger / Restaurants		OPISKELIJARAVINTOLAT Studentrest. / Student restaurants			
Arvo	68 B1	Alvari	1 B2	Aino	1 B2
Eet Poke HKI	69 B2	Food & Co A Bloc	69 B2	Baked by Eli	15 B2
Factory Otaniemi	4 A2	Kvarkki	3 A2	Cafeteria Aalto	67 B2
Fat Lizard	34 B1	Menssa	29 A3	Café Factory	4 A2
Konnichiwa	69 B2	Reima	19 B3	Café Reima	19 B3
Kot.Otaniemi	69 B2	Subway	30 B1	Espresso House	69 B2
MAU-KAS	57 C2	Tietotekniikantalo	30 B1	Kylteri	68 B1
Mezame	69 B2	TUAS	37 B1	Otapas	20 B2
Metso	19 B3	Täffä	40 B3	Taproom d20	20 B2
MOO – Middle of Otaniemi	71 B2				
NOVA MAU-KAS	36 B1				
Otapas	69 B2				
Ranta	56 C3				
Silinteri	1 B2				
Tasteat	12 C2				
Who The xxxx is Alice	69 B2				
X-burger	63 C2				

02 | The Programme



Registration

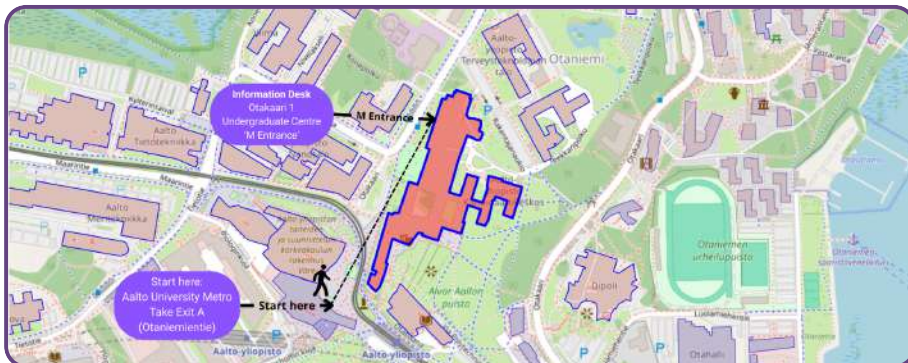
All attendees should register and pick up their name tag at the information desk on Monday, 6 October or Tuesday, 7 October.

Information Desk

The information desk is located in the lobby of the 'U Wing' of the Undergraduate Centre (Otakaari 1). It is staffed daily between 08:30-18:00.

Find the information desk by entering the building via the M entrance of Otakaari 1M. Look for the Unite! beach flags marking the entrance.

Student assistants wearing purple Unite! shirts will be stationed outside the metro and will help point you in the right direction.



Opening and closing ceremonies

Both the opening and closing ceremonies will take place in the U2 Hall of the Undergraduate Centre - directly opposite the information desk.

Early Career Academics

Early-career academics will follow a separate programme organised by their group host. However, they should register with everybody else at the information desk. Early Career Academics will also participate in the programme's opening and closing ceremonies, Lab Talks and Visits and the Mix & Match sessions. Early Career Academics are also warmly welcome to the shared coffee breaks between meetings as well as the Unite! Dinner Party on Wednesday 8 October.

Overall Programme at a Glance

Monday 6 October
Timezone EEST

9:30- 10:30
SURE!

9:00- 10:30
Student Liaison
Officers

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-
13:00
SURE!

11:00-
13:00
SLO

11:00-
12:30
Widening
QAB
Meeting

11:00-
13:00
Widening
WP
Meeting

13:00- 14:00 Lunch

14:00 -15:30
Steering
Committee
(open session)

15:30- 17:30
Steering
Committee
(closed session)

15:00- 17:30
SLO
+SURE!

15:30 - 17:30
Community
Coordinator
Meeting

16:00 onwards
Social Activities
Sauna 16-18/18-20/20-22
Campus Tour 17:40-19:00
Film Club 17:40-19:00

Tuesday 7 October

8:30-9:00
Registration and
Welcome Coffee

9:00 - 10:45
Community
Meetings

9:00- 10:45
UAF
Committee
Meetings
(Education/
Research)

8:30- 11:00
Widening
WPLB

10:45-11:30 Coffee Break
| **Language Café** | Registration

11:30- 13:00
Opening Ceremony

13:00- 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 -
16:00
Community
Meetings

14:30 -
16:00
Vice
Presidents'
Meetings
(Edu/Res)

14:30 -
16:00
Rectors'
Workshop

13:30 -
14:10
Widening
GA

14:30 -
16:00
Widening
WP
meeting

16:00- 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 - 17:30
Community
Meetings

16:30 - 18:00
Rectors'
Workshop

16:30 - 18:30
Unite!
Academic
Forum
GM

19:00
Self-organised
community dinners

19:00
Dinner for UGP, UAF
and KLO/ DKLO

Wednesday 8 October

9:00 - 10:30
Community
Meetings

9:00- 10:30
Widening
WP
Meetings

08:30- 10:30
Unite!
Governing
Platform

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-13:00
Mix and Match Sessions

11:00-13:00
USC Strategic
Discussion
Meeting

13:00- 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30- 15:00 Aalto Labs: TALK

15:00- 16:00
Aalto Labs:
VISITS

15:00 - 16:00
Community
Meetings

15:00- 16:00
Widening WP
Meeting

16:00- 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 - 17:30
Community
Meetings

16:30- 17:30
Widening WP
Meeting

19:00
Unite! Dinner Party

Thursday 9 October

9:00 - 11:00
Community Meetings

11:00 -11:30 Coffee Break

11:30- 13:00
Closing Ceremony

13:15- 16:00
Social Activity:
Cooking Club

13:15- 18:00
Social Activity
Hiking Club

Overall Programme + Rooms at a Glance

Monday 6 October
Timezone EEST

9:30- 10:30 SURE! Otakaari 3 F336	9:00- 10:30 Student Liaison Officers Learning Centre K015b
10:30-11:00 Coffee Break	
11:00- 13:00 SURE! Otakaari 3 F336	11:00- 13:00 SLO Learning Centre K015b
11:00- 12:30 Widening QAB Meeting Otakaari 1 M235a	11:00- 13:00 Widening WP Meeting Otakaari 1 M222
13:00- 14:00 Lunch	
14:00 -15:30 Steering Committee (open session) Otakaari 1 Y115	15:00- 17:30 SLO +SURE! Otakaari 3 F336
15:30- 17:30 Steering Committee (closed session) Otakaari 1 Y115	15:30 - 17:30 Community Coordinator Meeting Otakaari 1 M145a
16:00 onwards: Social Activities Sauna 16-18/18-20/20-22 Meet at the 'Meeting point' 15 mins before your session. Address: Jämeräntäival 5 Campus Tour 17:40-19:00 Meet at the 'Meeting point' 17:40 Film Club 17:40-19 Meet at the 'Meeting point' 17:40 Address of location: Odeon Maarintie 8	

Tuesday 7 October

8:30-9:00 Registration and Welcome Coffee Otakaari 1M 'U Lobby'		8:30- 11:00 Widening WPLB Otakaari 1 K101 H1
9:00 - 10:45 Community Meetings	9:00- 10:45 UAF Committee Meetings Education Otakaari 1 Y115 Research 'Top Lounge'	
10:45-11:30 Coffee Break Language Café Registration Otakaari 1M 'U Lobby'		
11:30- 13:00 Opening Ceremony Otakaari 1 U2 hall		
13:00- 14:30 Lunch Break		13:30 - 14:10 Widening GA Otakaari 1 'Top Lounge'
14:30 - 16:00 Community Meetings	14:30 - 16:00 Vice Presidents' Meetings Education Otakaari 1 Y115 Research Learning centre 'Eetu'	14:30 - 16:00 Rectors' Workshop Emeriti Lounge H305
		14:30 - 16:00 Widening WP meeting Otakaari 1 K101 H1
16:00- 16:30 Coffee Break		
16:30 - 17:30 Community Meetings	16:30 - 18:00 Rectors' Workshop Emeriti Lounge Lounge H305	16:30 - 18:30 Unite! Academic Forum GM Otakaari 1 Y 115
19:00 Self-organised community dinners	19:00 Dinner for UGP, UAF and KLO/ DKLO Restaurant Arvo: Otaniementie 12, (School of Business)	

Wednesday 8 October

9:00 - 10:30 Community Meetings	9:00- 10:30 Widening WP Meeting Otakaari 1 K101 H1	08:30- 10:30 Unitel Governing Platform Otakaari 1 Y115
10:30-11:00 Coffee Break Otakaari 1M 'U Lobby'		
11:00-13:00 Mix and Match Sessions		11:00-13:00 USC Strategic Discussion Meeting Otakaari 1 Y115
13:00- 14:30 Lunch Break		
14:30- 15:00 Aalto Labs: TALK Otakaari 1 'E Hall/ E Sali'		
15:00- 16:00 Aalto Labs: VISITS	15:00 - 16:00 Community Meetings	15:00- 16:00 Widening WP Meeting Otakaari 1 K101 H1
16:00- 16:30 Coffee Break		
16:30 - 17:30 Community Meetings	16:30- 17:30 Widening WP Meeting Otakaari 1 K101 H1	
19:00 Unite! Dinner Party (Runeberginkatu 14-16, Töölö, Helsinki)		

Thursday 9 October

9:00 - 11:00 Community Meetings
11:00 -11:30 Coffee Break Otakaari 1M U Lobby
11:30- 13:00 Closing Ceremony Otakaari 1 U2 hall
13:15- 16:00 Social Activity: Cooking Club Please gather at 13:15 at the 'Meeting Point' sign near the Information Desk.
13:15- 18:00 Social Activity Hiking Club Please gather at 13:15 at the 'Meeting Point' sign near the Information Desk.

Timetable for Rectors and Vice Rectors

Monday 6 October

Tuesday 7 October

Wednesday 8 October

Thursday 9 October

8:30-9:00 Registration and welcome coffee
U Lobby

9:00- 10:45
UAF Committee
Education
Otakaari 1,
Undergraduate Centre.
Room: Y115

9:00- 10:45
UAF Committee
Research
Otakaari 1,
Undergraduate Centre.
Room: 'Top Lounge'

10:45-11:30 Coffee Break | **Language Café** |
Registration

11:30- 13:00
Opening Ceremony
Undergraduate Centre: 'U2 Hall'

13:00- 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30- 16:00
Vice Presidents'
Meetings
Education

Otakaari 1,
Undergraduate
Centre.
Room: Y115

14:30- 16:00
Vice Presidents'
Meetings
Research

Otaniementie 9,
Learning
Centre.
Room: Eetu

14:30- 16:00
Rectors'
Workshop

Otakaari 1,
Undergraduate
Centre.
Room: H305
'Emeriti Lounge'

16:00- 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30- 18:30
UAF General Meeting
(Vice Rectors)

Otakaari 1,
Undergraduate Centre.
Room: Y115

16:30- 18:00
Rectors' Workshop

Otakaari 1,
Undergraduate Centre.
Room: H305
Emeriti Lounge

19:00
Dinner for UGP, UAF and KLO/ DKLO
Restaurant Arvo: Otaniementie 12, (School of
Business)

08:30- 10:30
Unite! Governing Platform Meeting
Otakaari 1, Undergraduate Centre.
Room: Y115

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-13:00
Mix & Match Sessions (Optional/additional).
See Mix & Match Timetable for session themes and room
numbers.

13:00- 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30- 15:00 Aalto Labs: TALK
Otakaari 1, Undergraduate Centre.
Room: Y 124 'E Sali'

15:00- 16:00 Aalto Labs: VISITS
See separate timetable for instructions.

16:00- 16:30 Coffee Break

19:00
Unite! Dinner Party
(Runeberginkatu 14–16, Töölö, Helsinki)

11:00 -11:30 Coffee Break

11:30- 13:00
Closing Ceremony
Undergraduate Centre: 'U2 Hall'

13:15- 16:00
Social Activity:
Cooking Club

13:15- 18:00
Social Activity:
Hiking Club

16:00 onwards
Social Activities:
Sauna 16-18/18-20/20-22 | Campus
Tour 17:30-19:00 | Film Club 17:30-19

Informal Dinner for Rectors

Timetable for Sure!, SLOs & Communities

Monday 6 October

9:30 - 10:30
SURE!
Otakaari 3,
Health Technology
House.
Homeroom: F336

9:00 - 10:30
SLOs
Otaniementie 9,
Learning Centre.
Homeroom: K015b

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 - 13:00
SURE!
Otakaari 3,
Health Technology
House.
Homeroom: F336

11:00 - 13:00
SLOs
Otaniementie 9,
Learning Centre.
Homeroom: K015b

13:00- 15:00 Lunch Break

15:00 - 17:30
SLO + SURE! Meeting

Otakaari 3,
Health Technology
House.
Homeroom: F336

15:30 - 17:30
Community
Coodinators' Meeting

Otakaari 1,
Undergraduate
Centre.
Room: M145a

16:00 onwards

Social Activities:

Sauna 16-18/18-20/20-22 | Campus Tour
17:30-19:00 | Film Club 17:30-19

Tuesday 7 October

8:30-9:00 Registration and Welcome Coffee

9:00 - 10:45
Community Meetings

(See separate timetable
for room numbers.)

10:45-11:30 Coffee Break
Language Café | Registration

11:30- 13:00
Opening Ceremony
Undergraduate Centre: 'U2 Hall'

13:00- 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 - 16:00
Community Meetings

16:00- 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 - 17:30
Community Meetings

19:00
Self-Organised Community Dinners
(Locations and times specified by host.)

Wednesday 8 October

9:00 - 10:30
Community Meetings

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-13:00
Mix and Match Sessions

(See separate timetable
for themes and room numbers.)

13:00- 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30- 15:00 Aalto Labs: TALK
Otakaari 1, Undergraduate Centre.
Room: E Sali

15:00- 16:00
Aalto Labs: VISITS
(See separate timetable
for instructions.)

15:00 - 16:00
Community Meetings

16:00- 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 - 17:30
Community Meetings

19:00
Unite! Dinner Party
(Runeberginkatu 14-16, Töölö, Helsinki)

Thursday 9 October

9:00- 11:00
Community Meetings


11:00 -11:30 Coffee Break

11:30- 13:00
Closing Ceremony
Undergraduate Centre: 'U2 Hall'

13:15- 16:00
Social Activity: Cooking Club

13:15- 18:00
Hiking Club

Please check all community
room allocations on the next
page.



Homeroom Allocations for SURE!, SLOs and Communities

Each community has its own 'homeroom' to be used for meetings and storing personal items. Some communities requested extra rooms, which are also listed on the timetable below. **Community rooms are booked from Tues to Thurs and SURE! and SLO rooms are booked from Mon to Thurs.**

Cm 2:	Cm 3	Cm 4	Cm 5	Cm 6	Cm 7	Cm 8	Cm 9
<p>Otakaari 3 (Health Technology House)</p> <p>Room: F 255 'Iso Spin'</p> <p><i>Additional Room:</i></p> <p>Wed 8 October 08:30-11:00</p> <p>Room: F 254 'Spin'</p>	<p>Otakaari 1 (Undergraduate Centre)</p> <p>Rooms: M222 'Kappa' + M235 'Tuuma'</p> <p><i>Additional Rooms:</i></p> <p>Tue 7 October 9:00 - 10.45 Otakaari 1, M140, 'Majakka'</p> <p>14:20-17:30 Otakaari 1, U 516</p> <p>Wed 8 October 9:00 - 11:00 + 15:00- 16:00 Otaniementie 9 (Learning centre) Room 127 'Annikki'</p> <p>Thu 9 October 9:00 - 11:00 Otakaari 1, Y 115</p>	<p>Otakaari 1 (Undergraduate Centre)</p> <p>Rooms: M145a + M145b 'Masto'</p> <p><i>Additional Rooms:</i></p> <p>Mon 6 October 16:00-17:30 M145b 'Masto'</p> <p>Tue 7 October 14:30-16:30 Otakaari 1, U 358</p>	<p>Otaniementie 9 (Learning Centre)</p> <p>Rooms: 113 'Johanna' + 107 'Arttu'</p>	<p>Otakaari 1 (Undergraduate Centre)</p> <p>Room : Y 225a 'Riihi'</p> <p><i>Additional Room:</i></p> <p>Tue 7 October 14:30 - 16:00 Otakaari 1, M140 'Majakka'</p>	<p>Otakaari 4 (Konetekniika/ Mechanical Engineering)</p> <p>Room: 101</p>	<p>Otaniementie 9 (Learning Centre)</p> <p>Room: K015d</p>	<p>Otaniementie 9 (Learning Centre)</p> <p>Rooms: K015a + 106 'Ilmari'</p>
			<p>SURE! Homeroom</p> <p>Otakaari 3, Health Technology House. Homeroom: F336</p> <p>Booked Monday to Thursday</p>	<p>SLO Homeroom</p> <p>Otaniementie 9 (Learning Centre) Room: K015b</p> <p>Booked Monday to Thursday</p>	<p>Quality Management Team</p> <p>Otakaari 1 (Undergraduate Centre) Room: M 102 'Maininki'</p> <p>Booked Monday to Thursday</p>		

Timetable for Unite! Widening

Monday 6 October

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00- 12:30
Widening QAB
Otakaari 1,
Undergraduate
Centre.
**Room: M235a
'Tuuma'**

11:00- 13:00
Widening WP5
Otakaari 1,
Undergraduate
Centre.
Room: M222 'Kappa'

13:00- 14:00 Lunch

16:00 onwards
Social Activities:
Sauna 16-18/18-20/20-22 | Campus
Tour 17:30-19:00 | Film Club 17:30-19

Tuesday 7 October

8:30-9:00 Registration
and welcome coffee

8:30- 11:00
Widening WPLB

Otakaari 1,
Undergraduate
Centre.

Room: K 101 'H1'

10:45-11:30 Coffee Break | **Language Cafe** |
Registration

11:30- 13:00
Opening Ceremony
Undergraduate Centre: 'U2 Hall'

13:00- 14:30 Lunch Break

13:30 - 14:10
Widening GA

Otakaari 1,
Undergraduate
Centre.

Room: 'Top Lounge'

14:30 - 16:00
Widening WP 4
meeting

Otakaari 1,
Undergraduate
Centre.
Room: K 101 'H1'

16:00- 16:30 Coffee Break

19:00
Self-organised dinner

Wednesday 8 October

9:00- 10:30
Widening WP 2 Meeting
Otakaari 1, Undergraduate Centre.
Room: K 101 'H1'

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-13:00
Mix and Match Sessions
**See Mix & Match Timetable for session
themes and room numbers.**

13:00- 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30- 15:00 Aalto Labs: TALK
Otakaari 1, Undergraduate Centre.
Room: 'E Sali'

15:00- 16:00 Aalto
Labs: VISITS
(See separate
timetable for
instructions.)

15:00- 16:00
Widening
WP 3 Meeting
Otakaari 1,
Undergraduate Cntr.
Room: K 101 'H1'

16:00- 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30- 17:30 Widening WP 3 meeting
Otakaari 1, Undergraduate Centre.
Room: K 101 'H1'

19:00
Unite! Dinner Party
(Runeberginkatu 14-16, Töölö, Helsinki)

Thursday 9 October

9:00- 11:00
Joint meeting:
Widening + Cm 7
Room: Cm 7 will inform.

11:00 -11:30 Coffee Break

11:30- 13:00
Closing Ceremony
Undergraduate Centre: 'U2 Hall'

13:15- 16:00
Social Activity: Cooking Club

13:15- 18:00
Social Activity: Hiking Club

Timetable for Unite! Governing Bodies

Monday 6 October

13:00- 14:00 Lunch

14:00- 15:30
Steering Committee
(open session)

Otakaari 1, Undergraduate Centre.
Room: Y115

15:30- 17:30
Steering Committee
(closed session)

Otakaari 1,
Undergraduate
Centre.
Room: Y115

15:30- 17:30
Community
Coordinators'
Meeting

Otakaari 1,
Undergraduate
Centre.
Room: M145a

16:00 onwards
Social Activities:
Sauna 16-18/18-20/20-22 | Campus Tour
17:30-19:00 | Film Club 17:30-19

Tuesday 7 October

8:30-9:00 Registration and welcome
coffee

9:00- 10:45
UAF Committee meetings
Otakaari 1, Undergraduate Centre.
Education - Room: Y 115
Research - Room: 'Top Lounge'

10:45-11:30 Coffee Break | Language Cafe
| Registration

11:30- 13:00
Opening Ceremony: 'U2 Hall'

13:00- 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30- 16:00
Vice Presidents'
Meeting

Education
Otakaari 1,
Undergraduate
Centre. Room Y115

14:30- 16:00
Vice Presidents'
Meeting

Research
Otaniementie 9,
Learning Centre.
Room: Eetu

16:00- 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30- 18:30
Unite! Academic
Forum General Mtg.

Otakaari 1,
Undergraduate Centre.
Room: Y115

16:30- 18:00
Rectors' Workshop

Otakaari 1,
Undergraduate
Centre.
Room: H 305
'Emeriti Lounge'

19:00
Dinner for UGP, UAF and KLO/ DKLO
Restaurant Arvo (School of Business)

Wednesday 8 October

08:30- 10:30
Unite! Governing Platform
Otakaari 1, Undergraduate Centre.
Room: Y115

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-13:00
Mix and Match Sessions
See Mix & Match
Timetable for session
themes and room
numbers

11:00-13:00
USC Strategic
Discussion Meeting
Otakaari 1,
Undergraduate Centre.
Room: Y115

13:00- 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30- 15:00 Aalto Lab: TALK
Otakaari 1, Undergraduate Centre.
Room E Sali

15:00- 16:00 Aalto Lab: VISITS
See separate timetable for instructions.

16:00- 16:30 Coffee Break

19:00
Unite! Dinner Party
(Runeberginkatu 14–16, Töölö, Helsinki)

Thursday 9 October

11:00 -11:30 Coffee Break

11:30- 13:00
Closing Ceremony: 'U2 Hall'

13:15- 16:00
Social Activity: Cooking Club

13:15- 18:00
Social Activity: Hiking Club

Timetable for Early Career Academics

Monday 6 October

Registration open
Otakaari 1, Outside U2 Hall

16:00 onwards

Social Activities

Sauna 16-18/18-20/20-22

Campus Tour 17:30-19:00

Film Club 17:30-19

Tuesday 7 October

9:00 - 9:30
Registration and welcome coffee
Otakaari 1, Outside U2 Hall

9:30- 10:45
Early Career Academics' own programme

10:45-11:30 Coffee Break | Language Cafe
Otakaari 1, Outside U2 Hall

11:30- 13:00
Opening Ceremony
Otakaari 1, U2 Hall

13:00- 14:30 Lunch Break
Guided by host.

14:30- 16:00
Early Career Academics' own programme

16:00- 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30- 17:30
Early Career Academics' own programme

19:00
Free programme at own expense organised
by the hosts

Wednesday 8 October

09:00- 10:30
Early Career Academics' own programme

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
Otakaari 1, Outside U2 Hall

11:00-13:00
Mix and Match Sessions
**See Mix & Match Timetable for session
themes and room numbers**

13:00- 14:30 Lunch Break
Guided by host.

14:30- 15:00 Aalto Lab TALKS
Otakaari 1, Undergraduate Centre.
Room E Sali

15:00- 16:00 Aalto Lab VISITS
See separate timetable for instructions.

16:00- 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30- 17:30
Early Career Academics own programme

19:00
Unitel Dinner Party
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Thursday 9 October

09:00- 11:00
Early Career Academics' own programme

11:00 -11:30 Coffee Break
Otakaari 1, Outside U2 Hall

11:30- 13:00
Closing Ceremony
Otakaari 1, U2 Hall

13:15- 16:00
**Social Activity:
Cooking Club**

13:15- 18:00
**Social Activity:
Hiking Club**

**Early Career Academics'
own programme**

**Official Programme
organised for you by Unite!**

**Optional programme
organised for you by Unite!**

Mix & Match Sessions and Rooms

The Mix & Match sessions aim to connect diverse participants to share ideas and collaborate around specific topics. The objective is to find new contacts and foster collaborations that support Unite!'s education, research, or innovation activities. Even if you haven't registered and wish to join a specific session, don't hesitate to show up and check if there is extra space available.

Link to further details about Mix and Match Sessions: [here](#).

Wednesday 8 October at 11-13

A: Two-hour workshops at 11-13

11:00-13:00	11:00-13:00	11:00-13:00	11:00-13:00
A1: Building collaborative Unite! courses: A teachers' workshop.	A2: Joint programmes meets MetaCampus: needs, possibilities & challenges.	A3: Digital learning support at Aalto University.	A4: Pathway to successful student exchange at Aalto University.
Otakaari 1, Room: U 356 'Alma Media'	Otakaari 4, Konetekniikka Room: 202	Otakaari 2, Marsio. Room: 3555 'Opetusstudio'	Otakaari 1, Undergraduate centre. Room: M 134

B: One-hour workshops at 11-12

11:00-12:00	11:00-12:00	11:00-12:00
B1: Privilege walk – can you step forward? The workshop about accessibility and inclusion.	B2: Enhancing your education through the Multilingual and Intercultural Communication Competence (MICC) framework.	B3: Unite! Internships.
Otakaari 1, Undergraduate centre. Room: M 141	Otakaari 1, Undergraduate centre. Room: M 237	Otakaari 1, Undergraduate centre. Room: U 414

C: One-hour workshops at 12-13

12:00-13:00	12:00-13:00
C1: Co-creating interactive teaching tools for engineering education.	C2: Positive, resilient and supportive - how to stay optimistic in your next meetings.
Otakaari 1, Undergraduate Centre. Room: M 141	Otakaari 1, Undergraduate Centre. Room: U 414

D: Learning Café at 11:00, 11:45 and 12:30 Otakaari 1, Undergraduate Centre. Rooms: U 121a & U 121b

11:00-11:30	11:00-11:30
Quality Management: Get better with PDCA!	Inclusive Assessment
11:45-12:15	11:45-12:15
Quality Management: Get better with PDCA!	Inclusive Assessment
12:30-13:00	12:30-13:00
Quality Management: Get better with PDCA!	Inclusive Assessment

Aalto Labs: Talk and Visits

Aalto has several high-level infrastructures that support research, education, and innovation—including unique facilities of national importance. Join us for Aalto Lab Talks, a session highlighting these outstanding resources through short presentations on the Metsähovi Radio Observatory, Science-IT and Research Software Engineers. The Aalto Lab Talk is open to all.

After the talk, pre-registered guided tours of selected research infrastructures, Aalto Lab Visits, will take place on campus. Depending on your pre-registration, the Lab Visits will explore either of the following: Aalto Ice and Wave Tank, Aalto Neuroimaging Infrastructure and the School of Arts and Design ARTS infra workshop.

Link to further details about the Aalto Lab Talk and Visits: [here](#)

14:30-15:00

Aalto Lab: TALK

Open to all

An overview of the facilities Aalto is proud of, featuring short presentations on:
Metsähovi Radio Observatory | Science-IT research infrastructure and Research Software Engineers

Otakaari 1, Undergraduate Centre. Room Y 124 'E Sali'

15:00- 16:00

Aalto Lab: VISITS

Pre-Registration Required

Aalto Ice and Wave Tank | Aalto Neuroimaging Infrastructure | School of Arts and Design (ARTS infra)

Meeting point:

Meet outside the Aalto Lab Talks Room Y 124 'E Sali'.
The hosts of the lab visits will meet you there and escort each group to registered lab.

Coffee and Lunch Breaks

Coffee

Complimentary coffee and light treats will be available throughout the event, adjacent to the Information Desk in the U Lobby. Feel free to drop by between sessions!

Lunch

Lunch is at your own expense, and you're welcome to explore the wide range of dining options on campus. **We recommend checking the [Kanttiinit website](#) for menus and opening hours of staff and student-friendly restaurants on and around campus.** And of course, don't forget to ask your Aalto colleagues for their top tips.

Need Lunch on the run?

In the same building as the metro station, you'll find cafes, restaurants and supermarkets, perfect for grabbing a quick snack or drink. There is also a pharmacy in case you need any over-the-counter medication.

Ad-hoc meeting spaces

For informal or spontaneous discussions, several ad-hoc meeting areas are available across campus. In particular, you will find convenient spaces around the Undergraduate Centre (Otakaari 1) as well as in the Learning Centre lobby and café (Otaniementie 9). These locations provide a comfortable setting for small group meetings, networking, or a quick exchange of ideas between sessions.

03 | Social and Cultural Activities



Monday 6 October

Read more details about all social activities at the following link: [Social Activities](#).

Please note: All of the Monday activities depart from the 'Meeting Point' near the information desk.



Sauna activity: (Three separate sessions)

Experience Finnish sauna at Rantasauna, a sauna built by engineering students, located on the seaside of the Aalto campus. **Don't forget to bring your bathing suit!**

Times: 16:00-18:00 | 18:00-20:00 | 20:00-22:00

Address: Jämeräntaival 5

Meeting point: Each sauna session group will be escorted to the sauna. Please gather at the 'Meeting Point' sign near the Information Desk 15 minutes before your registered session time. If you prefer to make your own way to **Jämeräntaival 5 at the session starting time**, this is also OK!

Meeting times: 1st Session, 15:45 | 2nd session, 17:45 | 3rd session, 19:45



Campus tour: In the footsteps of Alvar Aalto - Architecture and public art

This popular guided campus tour will take you on a walk to explore some of the finest examples of traditional and contemporary Finnish architecture.

Time: 17:40 - 19:00

Meeting point: Departure at 17:40 from the 'Meeting Point' sign near the Information Desk. The tour will end at 19:00 near the A Bloc shopping centre/metro station.

Monday 6 October

Read more details about all social activities at the following link: [Social Activities](#).

Please note: All of the Monday activities depart from the 'Meeting Point' near the information desk.



Film club: Aalto documentary Radical Creatives - A deep dive into radical creativity

This visually striking film takes you inside Aalto University, showing how creativity isn't just for a select few.

Time: 17:40 - 19:00

Meeting point: Departure at 17:40 from the 'Meeting Point' sign near the Information Desk.

Tuesday 7 October



Self-Organised Community Dinners

Every community's host has pre-booked a group dinner for your community. Dinner cost is at the individual's own expense.

Time, location and meeting point: Please check time, address and meeting point with your Aalto community contact.



Governance Dinner

Unite! Governing Body members are invited to dine together at Restaurant Arvo.

Time: 19:00 at Restaurant Arvo.

Official address: Ekonominaukio 1, 02150 Espoo (See detailed directions below.)

The restaurant is located on the ground floor of the Aalto University School of Business, on the corner of **Tietotie and Biologinkuja**.

Wednesday 8 October



Unite! Dinner Party

We are happy to welcome all Uniters to the iconic banquet hall of the Aalto University Töölö, adjacent to Helsinki city centre. The evening will begin with a Unite! welcome drink followed by a three-course seated dinner with wine. Prepare yourself for a joyful night of connections, live music and dancing together! The bar will be open after dinner at your own expense thereafter. Your entry ticket to the dinner is your name badge.

Time: 19:00

Address: Runeberginkatu 14–16

Getting there: The closest metro station is Kamppi, a 5-minute walk away. Detailed timetables, maps, and routes are available at hsl.fi.

Thursday 9 October

Read more details about all social activities at the following link: [Social Activities](#).

Please note: Thursday's social activities depart from the 'Meeting Point' near the information desk.



Hiking Club: Meiko Nature Reserve

Our hike will cover nature trails that traverse rocky outcrops, and it will be approximately 2-3 kilometers long. Transportation will be provided from Aalto University to Meiko and back. A light lunch bag will be provided, and during our excursion, we'll pause to grill sausages and enjoy the surroundings. Please note that the activity is subject to weather conditions. Be sure to bring outdoor clothing, sturdy shoes, and a positive attitude!

Times: 13:15-18:00

Meeting point: Please gather at 13:15 at the 'Meeting Point' sign near the Information Desk.



Cooking Club

Join us for a delightful cooking session where we will prepare a menu featuring classic dishes made from seasonal ingredients. After cooking, we'll enjoy the meal together.

Times: 13:15-16:00

Meeting point: Please gather at 13:15 at the 'Meeting Point' sign near the Information Desk.

04 | Wellbeing and Safety



Quiet Space

Quiet Space

We recognise the importance of balancing productivity with rest and reflection. A quiet space has been set up in the Undergraduate Centre to help you recharge at any point during the Dialogue.

Room: 'Historiahuone' (near the Information Desk). Look for the sign on the door that says: "Unite! Quiet Space"

Available: Tuesday–Thursday

Massage Chairs

Aalto has three massage chairs around the campus. One of them is located right near the information desk in the U-wing of Otakaari 1 (Undergraduate Centre). The chairs are available for anyone who needs a quick break and a moment of relaxation during the day. Read more about the locations of the chairs [here](#).

Safety and Support

Harassment-free workplace

Aalto University is committed to providing a harassment-free place for students. If you feel unsafe during the dialogue or need to report an incident, please reach out to our designated support.

Harassment contact person: Kimiya Tajik, Doctoral Researcher
Number +358 50 407 7124

Safety on Campus

The Dialogue has been meticulously organised in full compliance with university regulations regarding safety.

In case of an emergency:

Aalto Helpline: +358 50 46 46 462

European Emergency Number: 112

[More safety info](#)

05 | Digital Connectivity



Stay connected

Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi is available to anyone via eduroam (encrypted network) and Aalto open (unencrypted network) all over campus.



Social channels

Follow Unite! on social media to keep up with the latest updates, news, and highlights.



LinkedIn: Unite! - University Network for Innovation, Technology and Engineering



Instagram: @uniteuniversity

If you post anything related to the dialogue, please use the hashtags:

#Letsunite

#UniteDialogue

#AaltoDialogue

06 | Weather & Transport



Weather and Transport around Espoo & Helsinki

Weather

Early October in the capital region of Espoo and Helsinki typically experiences crisp autumn weather. Daytime temperatures usually range between 8°C and 14°C, while evenings can dip closer to 5°C. Rain is possible, so a water-resistant jacket or umbrella is a good idea. We recommend packing layers, including a warm sweater or fleece, and comfortable walking shoes. Indoors, buildings are well-heated, so dressing in layers makes it easy to adjust. Link to weather site:

<https://en.ilmatiiteenlaitos.fi/local-weather/espoo>

Travelling to Otaniemi

Otaniemi is located in Espoo, about 10 kilometres from central Helsinki. It is easily accessible by metro or bus, with reliable public transport connections from both Helsinki city centre and Helsinki-Vantaa Airport.

Aalto University metro station is approximately 11 minutes from Kamppi station (Helsinki).

Use an **AB** ticket for travel between Helsinki city and Aalto University. If you're going to or from the airport, use an **ABC** ticket.

Note: In Finland, student discounts on public transport are only available to students enrolled at Finnish institutions. Unfortunately, international visitors and exchange students are not eligible for discounted student tickets.

HSL transport and ticket app

You can buy your ticket quickly and easily with contactless payment- your card acts as your ticket and must be shown to inspectors if asked. Just select the **AB** or **ABC** on the reader screen and tap your debit or credit card when boarding buses, trams, or trains. **For the Metro or ferry, purchase at the card readers before entering the platform or pier area.**

You can also download the handy HSL transport app to buy tickets and navigate routes. **Any HSL ticket is valid on buses, trams, light rail and the metro.**

- Get the HSL app here: <https://www.hsl.fi/en/tickets-and-fares/hsl-app>
- Plan your route here: [Helsinki Regional Transport HSL \(hsl.fi\)](https://www.hsl.fi/en/tickets-and-fares/hsl-app).

Best tickets for public transport

Pro Tip: If you're here for five days and plan to use public transport from the airport as well, the best value ticket is the 5-day ABC ticket for 36€, which provides unlimited ABC-zone transport, valid on trains, buses, trams, and metro. You will be able to use the same ticket between Helsinki city, Aalto University campus, and the airport.

More info on day tickets here: [HSL day tickets](https://www.hsl.fi/en/tickets-and-fares/hsl-app). Any HSL ticket is valid on buses, trams, light rail and the metro.

Airport Connections

Aalto University (Otaniemi) is 22 km away from the Helsinki-Vantaa airport. Public transport from the airport takes about an hour. You would take either the train or the bus to Helsinki Central Railway station and then the metro to Aalto University, or the train to Huopalahti station and change to the light rail line 15 and take it to Aalto University. **Taxis to both Aalto University (Otaniemi, Espoo) and Helsinki City Centre are around 30 minutes travel and costs range from €40 to €50, depending on traffic and time. Uber and Bolt are cheaper options and can be found at the 'pre-ordered taxi' area on level P2.**

Between the Airport and Helsinki City

Helsinki-Vantaa Airport to Helsinki City Centre (Helsinki)

Train: From Helsinki-Vantaa Airport (Vantaa), follow signs to the underground train station located directly beneath the terminal. Take either the I-train (about 32 min) or P-train (about 27 min) - they both terminate at Helsinki Central Station. You'll need an ABC-zone ticket.

Helsinki City to Aalto University

Metro: If you're staying in Helsinki City Centre, two metro stations go directly to the Aalto campus: Helsinki Central Station (Rautatientori) and Kamppi (Kamppi). You'll need an AB-zone single ticket (adult ~ €3.20). **When you arrive at Aalto University, use the Otaniementie exit (Exit A) for the quickest access to campus.**

Note: There is only one metro line in Helsinki that runs approximately between 5:30 and 23:00. Night buses run after hours.

Between the Airport and Aalto University

Helsinki-Vantaa Airport to Aalto University (Otaniemi, Espoo)

Train: From Helsinki-Vantaa Airport (Vantaa), follow signs to the underground train station located directly beneath the terminal. Take either the I-train (about 32 min) or P-train (about 27 min) - they both terminate at Helsinki Central Station.

At Central, transfer to the Länsimetro (Western Metro) heading west toward Espoo. Ride approximately 12 minutes (six stops) until you reach Aalto-yliopisto (Aalto University) station. **Use the Otaniementie exit (Exit A) for the quickest access to campus.**

07 | Time on your Hands?

A woman with brown hair and bangs, wearing a white ribbed top, is smiling and holding a large, light blue speech bubble-shaped sign. The sign contains the text "Get inspired", "Grow together", and "LET'S UNITE!". The background is a soft-focus teal and blue pattern.

Get inspired
Grow together
LET'S UNITE!

Self-Guided Exhibit and Nature Walks

If you have free-time during the Dialogue, we invite you to explore the following Aalto University public exhibit or local walking routes.



Designs for a cooler planet

Aalto University's biggest annual exhibition, Designs for a Cooler Planet, takes over the campus until 28 Oct 2025. Come see how clay is harnessed as a carbon sink, what a memory disorder detector can do and how you can invest for the price of a takeaway coffee. For more information about the programme: <https://www.aalto.fi/en/designs-for-a-cooler-planet>

Location: Exhibition content at 'Marsio' Building, Otakaari 2 (Opposite the Undergraduate Centre.)

Opening times: Please see the linked programme above.



Wellbeing route on campus

Looking for a moment to recharge during the Dialogue? Take a walk along Aalto University's Wellbeing Route - a self-guided path around campus designed to help you relax, refresh, and reconnect with your surroundings.



Aalto University's outdoor route with attractions

Explore Aalto University's campus at your own pace with the Outdoor Route with Attractions. This self-guided walk offers a quick overview of some campus highlights, including unique architecture, art installations, and the birdwatching tower. It's a great way to unwind and discover hidden gems along the way.

Self-Guided Nature Walks and Tourist Attractions

If you have free-time during the Dialogue, we invite you to explore the following nature walks and tourist attractions.



Espoo Waterfront Walkway (Rantaraitti)

Espoo's Rantaraitti is a scenic coastal trail that stretches over 40 km along the shoreline. Perfect for walking, jogging, or cycling, this route connects nature spots, beaches, and cultural landmarks. It's also a great way to reach areas like Laajalahti Nature Reserve if you're up for a longer outdoor adventure.



Laajalahti Nature Reserve to Villa Elfvik

Laajalahti Nature Reserve is one of Southern Finland's top birdwatching areas. Within walking distance of Aalto, this peaceful coastal wetland is home to a variety of bird species throughout the year. Don't forget your binoculars because the route offers excellent views over the bay and wildlife-rich surroundings.



Around Espoo and Helsinki

For further information about Tourist attractions around Helsinki and Espoo, visit here:

<https://www.aalto.fi/en/visiting-aalto-university/visit-helsinki-and-espoo>



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