# COST Action CA23160 CYANOACTION

## Effective Lake management: reducing cyanobacteria by actions in the catchment

## Grant Period 2

## WG5 Meeting - Communication, Dissemination and Impact Evaluation of CYANOACTION
## 22-23 October 2026

## Venue

**Address:** Department of Agricultural Sciences, University of Helsinki (Viikki Campus) Latokartanonkaari 9, 00790 Helsinki, Finland, **A Building**

**Date:** 22 - 23 October 2026

**Event Attendance Type:** Face-to-face

**Local Organizers:** Dr. Priit Tammeorg (and Dr. Nikoletta Tsiarta)



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## Welcome to Helsinki

Welcome to Helsinki, the capital of Finland! Located on the shores of the Baltic Sea, Helsinki combines Nordic design, nature, architecture and a relaxed urban atmosphere. Finnish culture values simplicity, nature and, of course, sauna—an essential part of everyday life and well worth experiencing during your visit.

If you have some free time, highlights include Senate Square and Helsinki Cathedral, the lively Market Square and Old Market Hall, the waterfront Esplanadi, and the UNESCO-listed Suomenlinna Sea Fortress, located on a group of islands just a short ferry ride from the city centre. Design lovers may also enjoy exploring Helsinki's Design District and the city's distinctive Art Nouveau and modern architecture.



**Finnish flavours to try**

While in Helsinki, take the opportunity to discover some traditional Finnish food. Look out for lohikeitto (creamy salmon soup), karjalanpiirakka (Karelian pies, usually served with egg butter), rye bread (ruisleipä), fresh or smoked salmon, and dishes featuring local mushrooms and berries. For something sweet, try a korvapuusti, the Finnish cinnamon bun, preferably with a cup of Finnish coffee—Finland has a particularly strong coffee culture.

You may also encounter salmiakki, Finland's famous salty liquorice. It tends to produce very strong opinions, so consider it part of the cultural experience!




And if your schedule allows, a traditional Finnish sauna followed by a dip in the Baltic Sea offers a particularly memorable Helsinki experience—although in late October, the Baltic part is definitely for the brave ones.

We hope you enjoy your stay and have the opportunity to experience a little of Helsinki alongside our two productive days of CYANOACTION collaboration at the University of Helsinki.

**Tervetuloa Helsinkiin – Welcome to Helsinki!**

## Recommended Hotels

### 1 Finlandia Park Hotel Helsinki

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| Address: | Pohjolankatu 38, 00610 Helsinki |
| link: | https://www.finlandiahotels.fi/en/hotellit/finlandia-park-hotel-helsinki/ |
| Info: | This is the closest to the venue: from there to Viikki by Bus 56 and then 74 or 75, journey takes 20-25 min |

### 2 Hotel Anna

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| Address: | Annankatu 1, 00120 Helsinki |
| link: | https://www.hotelanna.fi/?lang=en |
| Info: | journey takes 40-45 min by bus, many buses departing from central Railway Center |

### 3 Noli Malmi

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| Address: | Vanha Helsingintie 19 21, 00700 Helsinki, Finland |
| link: | https://nolistudios.com/fi/kohteet/helsinki/noli-malmi/ |
| Info: | 15-20 mins by bus 79 or 71 Malmin asema (terminaali) |

.... and many other accommodations available ....

# Transportation

## Instructions on how to reach the Department of Agriculture

### City centre to Viikki campus

Viikki campus is not in the city centre, but travelling there by bus takes only 15-20 minutes.

### by bus

There are plenty of buses leaving Rautatientori (the large square next to the railway station) for Viikki campus (they pass Kumpula campus). Most of these buses stop by Metsätalo building (still city centre).

Here is a list of just a few possible lines to get to Viikki campus: 77, 78, 717, 731, 739. For a comprehensive list and timetable check out HSL journey planner, you can adjust the time to your needs.

Source: https://studies.helsinki.fi/instruktioner/node/1001?utm_source=chatgpt.com#paragraph-3139

### Public transport tickets

Helsinki public transport is operated by HSL, and the same ticket system covers trains, buses, trams and the Metro. For travel between Helsinki Airport and Helsinki, an ABC ticket is required; HSL currently lists the adult ABC single ticket at €4.80, valid for 90 minutes. Tickets can be purchased using the HSL app, ticket machines or contactless payment.

For travel within Helsinki, participants can use the appropriate HSL local ticket. I recommend downloading the HSL app because it provides live routes, departure times, walking directions and ticket purchasing.

HSL Journey Planner and public transport information