

Agenda

RESPONSE Final Conference 19-21 May 2026, Turku, Finland

Tuesday 19 May - Smart, Climate Neutral and Nature Positive City

Venue: audience foyer, Turku City Theatre (Itäinen Rantakatu 14)

- 9.30** Arrivals and coffee
- 10.00-10.15** Opening words
- 10.15-10.30** RESPONSE project overview by Monjur Murshed, Project Coordinator, EIFER
- 10.30-10.40** Turku RESPONSE activities by Olena Zinchuk, Lighthouse City Manager, city of Turku
- 10.40-11.00** Dijon RESPONSE activities by Hadrien Rouchette, Lighthouse City Manager, municipality of Dijon métropole
- 11.00-11.20** Turku Climate Plan 2029 by Risto Veivo, Climate Director, city of Turku
- 11.20-11.40** Turku's energy transition by Ilpo Mikkulainen, Head of Production Services, Turku Energia
- 11.40-12.00** Turku city development plans by Anri Linden, Head of Detailed Planning, city of Turku
- 12.00-12.15** Presentation of Turku Music Centre Fuuga, tbc
- 12.15-13.15** Lunch break
- 13.15-14.15** Panel discussion on smart city projects contributing to advancement of the climate goals
- 14.15-15.15** Panel discussion on future of climate plans and importance of stakeholder cooperation
- 15.15-15.40** Introduction to site visits and coffee break
- 16.00-17.40** Parallel site visits
- Skanssi Biodiversity Park (EUI funded project)
 - Energy solutions and innovations in Turku Science Park
 - Revitalisation of Old Town and concept of Art House Turku
 - Turku University Botanical Garden
- 18.00-19.00** Cocktail reception at Aboa Vetus Ars Nova (Itäinen Rantakatu 4-6)

Wednesday 20 May - Energy Sustainability and Resilience Fostering Innovations

- 8.30-9.30** Site visit to Student Village Positive Energy District
(meeting point in Tyyssija yard, Inspektorinkatu 12)
- 9.30-10.30** Coffee break and walk to Science Park
- Venue: auditorium Beta, ICT-talo, Turku Science Park (Joukahaisenkatu 3)**
- 10.30-11.00** RESPONSE innovations framework by Nikolaos Nikolopoulos and Georgios Martinopoulos, CERTH
- 11.00-11.45** Round table discussion on integrated solutions advancing energy efficiency and production
- 11.45-12.00** Short break
- 12.00-12.45** Round table discussion on integrated solutions interconnecting smart digital systems
- 12.45-14.00** Lunch break
- 14.00-16.00** Parallel working groups to deep dive into RESPONSE solutions implemented in Turku
- Heating system (**auditorium Beta**), chaired by VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland
 - Electric systems (**room Ringsberg in EduCity**), chaired by Turku University of Applied Sciences
 - ICT systems (**room Hammarbacka in EduCity**), chaired by city of Turku
 - Citizen engagement (**tbc**), chaired by Turku University of Applied Sciences
- 16.00-16.20** Project impacts, scale-up and exploitation by Monjur Murshed, EIFER
- 16.20-16.30** Closing of the event
- 19.00** Project dinner at the archipelago restaurant Airi (Valaanpyytäjänkatu 10)

Thursday 21 May - Project Internal Meeting (on invitation)

Venue: seminar room Bryggan, Forum Marinum Maritime Centre (Linnankatu 72)

- 10.00-11.00** Project Steering Committee part 1
- 11.00-11.30** Coffee break
- 11.30-13.00** Project Steering Committee part 2