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# Cluster Summit Finland 2025 & Cluster Collaboration Lab (C2Lab)

Travel info and accommodation

Kuopio, Finland

28 – 30 October 2025

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## Cluster Summit Finland 2025 & C2Lab Kuopio, 28 – 30 October 2025

Dear participants,

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Cluster Summit Finland 2025 & Cluster Collaboration Lab! This booklet provides general information on the participation in the events happening in Kuopio, Finland, on 28 – 30 October 2025.

In case of any questions, please contact the ECCP team via [c2lab@clustercollaboration.eu](mailto:c2lab@clustercollaboration.eu) or, especially regarding the travel arrangements, feel free to contact [bailey.lahdesmaki@savonia.fi](mailto:bailey.lahdesmaki@savonia.fi) and [anu-riikka.kolari@savonia.fi](mailto:anu-riikka.kolari@savonia.fi).

### Kuopio, the capital of good life

The Kuopio region is situated in central Finland, in the verdant province of North Savo. In Kuopio, everything is close by – nature, culture, entertainment and services –so you don't waste time travelling instead of enjoying!

Kuopio, with a population of 120,000 inhabitants, is a continuously developing centre of education, culture and industry. As the famous "Capital of the Lakeland District," it's the tourism hub and hosts a broad range of cultural and entertainment events. The area's landscape sparkles with lakes, islands and forest-covered hills. Fans of boating, hiking and other outdoor activities are spoilt for choice here.

Get a sneak peek: [Video Welcome to Kuopio](#)

#### Distance from Helsinki:

- Plane 45-60 minutes
- Train 4-5 hours
- Car 390 km, 4 hours

### Travel to Kuopio

Arriving to Kuopio from Helsinki is **easiest by airplane or by train**. Below more information and timetables.

In case you come by car, both event venues have parking space:

- Music Centre has free parking in the parking lot.
- North Savo Regional Council has on-street parking available surrounding the building.

NOTE! Both areas have signs with time-limited parking, but these can be ignored because parking availability has been arranged for the events.

**On the last day of the event** (Thursday, October 30), separate **bus transportation at 12:20 will be arranged directly from the event venue to Kuopio Airport** (flight to Helsinki at 14:00) and **Kuopio Train Station** (train to Helsinki at 14:11). In case you are leaving earlier, please see the public transportation timetables below or book a taxi.



## By airplane

The Kuopio airport is located about 14 km from the Kuopio city centre. From Kuopio airport, you can take bus (line 40) or taxi to the city centre. There are also rental cars available from the airport.

### Arriving in Kuopio from Helsinki by airplane (Finnair)

|                | Monday - Friday                                      |
|----------------|--|
| <b>Finnair</b> | 7:05 from Helsinki – 8:10 in Kuopio                  |
|                | 12:35 from Helsinki – 13:35 in Kuopio                |
|                | 16:10 from Helsinki – 17:15 in Kuopio                |
|                | 23:50 from Helsinki – 00:55 (the next day) in Kuopio |

Public transportation from the Kuopio airport to Kuopio city center (Maljalahdenkatu) takes around 25mins:

|                | Monday-Friday |
|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Line 40</b> | 01:10         |
|                | 06:35         |
|                | 8:30          |
|                | 17:50         |

**Note!** The bus will wait for flights arriving in Kuopio for a maximum of 15 minutes after the scheduled departure time. If the flight is delayed by more than 15 minutes, departures from the airport will follow the timetable as planned.

Line 40 is operated with smaller vehicles that have approximately 22 passenger seats.

You can pay for the bus when you enter with cash, card (Visa, Mastercard) or mobile phone apps (Apple Pay, Google Pay).

### Returning to Helsinki from Kuopio by airplane (Finnair)

Public transportation from the Kuopio city center (Maljalahdenkatu, bus stop nr 9) to the airport takes around 25mins:

|                | Monday-Friday |
|----------------|---------------|
| <b>Line 40</b> | 04:00         |
|                | 06:05         |
|                | 07:05         |
|                | 12:35         |
|                | 16:15         |

Flights:

|                | Monday-Friday                         |
|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Finnair</b> | 05:25 from Kuopio – 06:25 in Helsinki |
|                | 08:35 from Kuopio – 09:35 in Helsinki |
|                | 14:00 from Kuopio – 15:05 in Helsinki |
|                | 17:40 from Kuopio – 18:40 in Helsinki |



## By train

The trains from Helsinki to Kuopio leave from the Central Railway Station (Kaivokatu 1, 00100 Helsinki). The trains arrive to the Railway Station in Kuopio city centre (Asemakatu 1, 70100 Kuopio). Train tickets must be purchased beforehand online or at a ticket machine by card at the train station.

### Arriving in Kuopio from Helsinki by train (VR)

|    | Monday-Friday  |
|----|--|
| VR | 5:57 from Helsinki – 10:12 in Kuopio (4h 15min)              |
|    | 8:19 from Helsinki – 12:29 in Kuopio (4h 10min)              |
|    | 11:19 from Helsinki – 15:35 in Kuopio (4h 16min)             |
|    | 14:19 from Helsinki – 18:30 in Kuopio (4h 11min)             |
|    | 16:03 from Helsinki – 21:35 in Kuopio (5h 32min)             |
|    | 16:19 from Helsinki – 20:24 in Kuopio (4h 5min)              |
|    | 16:24 from Helsinki – 21:35 in Kuopio (5h 11min, 1 transfer) |
|    | 19:19 from Helsinki – 23:25 in Kuopio (4h 6min)              |

### Returning to Helsinki from Kuopio by train (VR)

|    | Monday- Friday   |
|----|--|
| VR | 5:32 from Kuopio – 9:40 in Helsinki (4h 8min)              |
|    | 7:28 from Kuopio – 12:35 in Helsinki (5h 7min, 1 transfer) |
|    | 7:28 from Kuopio – 12:54 in Helsinki (5h 26min)            |
|    | 8:26 from Kuopio – 12:40 in Helsinki (4h 14min)            |
|    | 11:15 from Kuopio – 15:40 in Helsinki (4h 25min)           |
|    | 14:11 from Kuopio – 18:40 in Helsinki (4h 29min)           |
|    | 16:12 from Kuopio – 20:40 in Helsinki (4h 28min)           |
|    | 17:00 from Kuopio – 21:45 in Helsinki (4h 45min)           |

Note! **Taxis** can be prebooked free of charge by phone and online. Prebooking from the airport is recommended. It is a good idea to confirm the price with the driver when you enter.

- Taksi1: +358 200 11101 (2,50 €/ call + 0,25 €/ 10 seconds), <https://taksi1.fi/en/front-page/>
- VieVie: +358 02000 3000 (1,91 €/ call + 0,059 €/ second), <https://www.vievie.fi/ennakkotilaus/> (In Finnish, but the page can be translated)
- Meneva: +358 800 02120 (calls free of charge), <https://meneva.fi/en/service-areas/northern-savonia/kuopio> (fixed price of 40€ from the airport to Kuopio city centre)

*Changes to schedules are possible. Please check the up-to-date timetables on the travel provider's website:*

[finnair.com](https://finnair.com) (flights)

[vr.fi](https://vr.fi) (train)

[vilkku.kuopio.fi](https://vilkku.kuopio.fi) (local public transportation)



## Accommodation

Guests are kindly asked to **book their own hotel room** in Kuopio. Some hotels offer a **special price** for this event, they are mentioned below. Note that the prices differ and each hotel have different number of rooms reserved for this event. We do not guarantee rooms with special price for all.

### Recommended hotels in Kuopio

#### 1) Sokos Hotel Puijonsarvi

Minna Canthin Katu 16

[+358 107 629 500](tel:+358107629500)

<https://www.sokoshotels.fi/en/hotels/kuopio/original-sokos-hotel-puijonsarvi>

- Standard Single Room: €148 / room / night
- Standard Double Room: €168 / room / night
- Room reservations made from the allotment must be guaranteed with a credit card at the time of booking or prepaid. The last date for free cancellation of individual bookings made from the allotment is **7 days before the arrival date**.
- If the accommodation allotment is confirmed, rooms can be booked using the designated allotment code for the agreed period mentioned in the confirmation (**CODE TO BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY**).
- **50%** of the unbooked rooms in the allotment will be released for public sale on **September 29, 2025**
- **25%** of the remaining unbooked rooms will be released on **October 13, 2025**
- The rest of the unbooked rooms will be automatically released on **October 20, 2025**
- Our price offer is valid subject to availability until **October 20, 2025**, after which it expires automatically.

#### 2) Scandic Kuopio

Satamakatu 1

[+358 300 308454](tel:+358300308454)

<https://www.scandichotels.com/en/hotels/scandic-kuopio>

#### 3) Scandic Atlas

Haapaniemenkatu 22

[+358 300 308 455](tel:+358300308455)

<https://www.scandichotels.com/en/hotels/scandic-atlas>

- We are happy to offer a discount on room reservations at Scandic.
- Reservations can be easily made via website [www.scandichotels.com](https://www.scandichotels.com) with the booking code **EVNT** or through the following link: [BOOK WITH SCANDIC](#).
- Through the link, guests can directly book rooms at a discounted rate (depending on the price of the day) from the hotel they prefer.



- Guests can choose their preferred room type and receive an additional discount when paying for the reservation upon booking.
- The cancellation policy for individual bookings depends on the booking type chosen by the guest.
- To confirm the reservation, guests must provide valid credit card information.
- Rooms are subject to availability and should be booked **10 days before arrival** at the latest.
- Scandic Friends members should also check for available loyalty offers.

#### 4) Lapland Hotels

Puijonkatu 32

+358 17 5528 800

<https://www.laplandhotels.com/en/hotels-and-destinations/kuopio/lapland-hotels-kuopio>

- Accommodation can be booked at [www.laplandhotels.com](http://www.laplandhotels.com) using the booking code **ALLSAVONIA2**.
- The special offer rooms can be reserved until **October 6, 2025**, after which any unbooked rooms will be released back to the hotel's general sales at the daily rate and with standard booking terms.
- Reservations are made under flexible booking terms, which allow free changes or cancellations until **6:00 PM on the day of arrival**.
- Payment for the accommodation is made directly at the hotel reception (cash, debit card, or credit card accepted). **Advance payment is possible upon request. Hotel will provide a payment link for convenient prepayment.** Contact via email: [sales.kuopio@laplandhotels.com](mailto:sales.kuopio@laplandhotels.com)