



Visit of the Conference of Presidents of the European Parliament

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Media arrangements

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Accreditation

Access to the venue is limited to accredited media representatives. On-line accreditation is possible at www.valtionneuvosto.fi/eu/suomi-ja-eu/2006/hallitus-ep/fi.jsp. Accreditation must take place on 26 May the latest. Badges can be collected from the House of Estates (Säätöytalo), Snellmaninkatu 9-11, Helsinki on 1 June between 12.00 and 16.00 and on 2 June between 08.00 and 13.30.

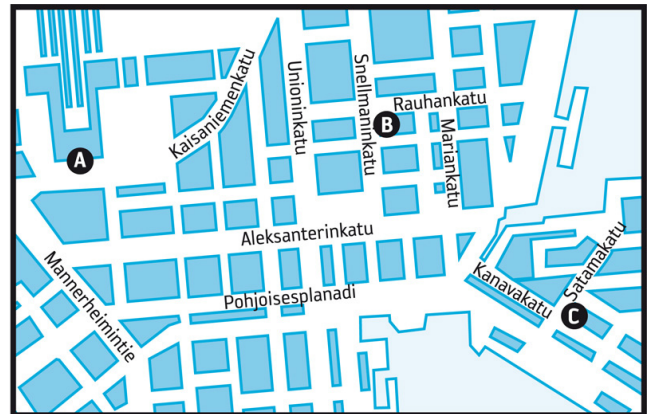
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Accommodation

Media representatives are requested to make their own accommodation reservations. A list of hotels in Helsinki can be found e.g. at www.hel.fi/tourism.

Meeting Venue

The meeting will take place at the House of Estates (Säätöytalo) at Snellmaninkatu 9-11, 00170 Helsinki. More information on the venue at www.vnk.fi/ministerio/toimitilat/saatyvalo/en.jsp



- A** Railway station
- B** House of the Estates, Accreditation and Meeting Venue
- C** UM Press Centre

Arrivals and Transport

Information about flights to and from Helsinki-Vantaa airport can be found at www.helsinki-vantaa.fi/home. Finnair City Bus (www.finnair.com/filecontent/com/citybus_com.txt) and buses 415, 615 and 615T run from the airport to the city centre.

Connections to the meeting venue

House of the Estates is a ten-minute walking distance from the main railway station. Trams 1 and 7B run along Snellmaninkatu, the street where the venue is located.

Media Programme

Friday 2 June

9.00-10.45

Open discussion organised by Finnish Parliament, Parliament Building (Address: Arkadiankatu 3)
Participants: President of the European Parliament, Mr Josep Borrell, members of the Conference of Presidents, Finnish MPs, citizens.
For more information, please contact
Ms Anna-Kaisa Itkonen,
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10.45

Discussion between Speaker of the Parliament, Mr Paavo Lipponen, and President of the European Parliament Mr Josep Borrell, Parliament Building
Photo opportunity
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Official meeting of the Conference of Presidents with the Finnish Government

9.30 Discussion between Prime Minister Mr Matti Vanhanen and Chairman of the EPP-ED Group in the European Parliament, Mr Hans-Gert Pöttering
Photo opportunity (pool)
Assembly in the main entrance hall of the Government Palace at 9.15 (address: Snelmaninkatu 1 A)

11.10 – 11.30

Participants of the meeting arrive at the House of the Estates
Prime Minister Mr Matti Vanhanen welcomes the participants of the meeting
Photo opportunity (pool)
Assembly in the entrance hall of the House of the Estates at 11.00 (address: Snelmaninkatu 9-11).
Please notice that there will be a security check at the door.

11.30 Tour de table

Photo opportunity (pool)
Assembly in the entrance hall of the House of the Estates at 11.00

13.30 Family Photo inside House of the Estates

Photo opportunity (pool)
Assembly in the entrance hall of the House of Estates at 13.15

13.40 EU Presidency press conference in the House of the Estates

16.15 Discussion between the President of the Republic, Mrs Tarja Halonen, and President of the European Parliament, Mr Joseph Borrell, the President's official residence Mäntyniemi
Photo opportunity (pool)
Assembly at the gate of the President's official residence Mäntyniemi at 15.45 (address: Mäntyniementie 4).
Registration for the pool required by 15.00

Pools

Registration is required for media pools and can be done at the information desk situated in the entrance hall of the House of Estates.

Media working facilities

Media representatives may use the Press Centre of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs (UM Press Centre).
Address: Kanavakatu 3 B, 00160 Helsinki
Opening hours: Friday 2 June at 08.15-18.00

Working Facilities

- 10 desktops which all have connection to Local Area Network (LAN) and a phone line
- 1 fax/photocopying machine
- WLAN
- wall sockets (2-pin 230 volts 50 HZ)

Contact person at the Press Centre

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Host photographer

The Presidency provides a limited number of pictures by the host photographer at www.eu2006.fi (to be opened 31 May).
The pictures can be used free of charge for media use.

Webcasting

Presidency press conference can be followed live and later as recording on the EU Presidency website at www.eu2006.fi (to be opened 31 May).

Information on Helsinki at www.hel.fi/tourism

Information on Finland at www.virtual.finland.fi

Feedback

We are happy to receive your comments and suggestions.
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