

Informal ministerial meeting:  
Employment, Social Policy and Health  
Helsinki, Finland, 6-8 July 2006

## Preliminary Information on Media Arrangements

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### Information on the themes of the meeting

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### Information on media arrangements



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#### Accreditation

Access to the venue is limited to  
accredited media representatives. On-line  
accreditation is possible at [www.eu2006.fi/  
accreditation](http://www.eu2006.fi/accreditation). Request for accreditation  
should be made no later than on June 29.

Badges can be collected from the Media  
Centre on July 6 between 9.00-21.00 and  
on July 7 between 8.00-21.00.

Accreditation contact person  
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#### Accommodation

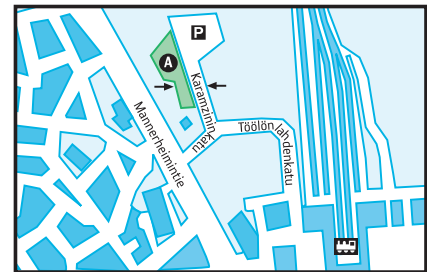
Media representatives are requested  
to make their own accommodation  
reservations. A list of media hotels can  
be found on the EU Presidency website at  
[www.eu2006.fi](http://www.eu2006.fi).

#### Venue

The meeting takes place in Helsinki at  
Finlandia Hall. More information at  
<http://finlandia.hel.fi/english>

#### Information on Helsinki at

[www.hel.fi/tourism](http://www.hel.fi/tourism)



A Accreditation  
Meeting venue and media centre.

→ Media entrance

#### Arrivals and transport

Information on flights to and from Helsinki  
can be found at [www.helsinki-vantaa.fi/  
home](http://www.helsinki-vantaa.fi/home). Finnair City Bus ([www.finnair.com/  
filecontent/com/citybus\\_com.txt](http://www.finnair.com/filecontent/com/citybus_com.txt)) and buses  
415, 615 and 615T run from the airport to  
the city centre (railway station).

#### Connections to the Media Centre

The Media Centre is a fifteen-minute walk  
from the city centre (railway station). Trams  
4, 7A and 10 run along Mannerheimintie,  
the street where the Centre is located.

#### Media Centre

Address: Finlandia Hall,  
Mannerheimintie 13 e,  
FI-00100 Helsinki, Finland

Opening hours:  
Thursday 6 July: 9.00 – 23.00  
Friday 7 July: 08.00 – 23.00  
Saturday 8 July: 08.00 – 16.00

#### Parking

Media representatives may use the car  
park of Finlandia Hall.

## Working facilities

Work stations in the Media Centre include:

- Connection to Local Area Network (LAN)
- 1 shared telephone set and a connection for an analogue modem for 2 work stations
- Access via LAN to shared printer and fax machines
- Some of the work stations are equipped with fixed computers (with Nordic keyboards)
- Wall sockets: 2-pin 230 volts 50 Hz

## IT connections

Finland's EU Presidency will provide high-speed internet connections via Local Area Network (LAN) for cable connections. Despite the use of the best technology, the limited number of available frequency bands will restrict the use of wireless communication in the Media Centre. Therefore, it is recommended to access the web via cable instead of WLAN.

## Host broadcaster

Finland's national public service broadcasting company YLE will act as the host broadcaster during Finland's EU Presidency and provide services in cooperation with the EBU (European Broadcasting Union). For radio and TV working facilities and stand-up platforms, please contact YLE directly.

Contact person at YLE:  
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## Webcasting

Presidency press conferences can be followed live and later as recordings on the web at [www.eu2006.fi/webcasts](http://www.eu2006.fi/webcasts).

## Press conferences

Interpretation will only be available in Presidency press conferences. All national conferences will be conducted in the language/languages of the country holding the press conference.

## Pools

Registration is required for media pools and can be done at the Media Info Desk in the Media Centre.

## Host photographer

The Presidency provides a limited number of pictures by the host photographer free of charge for use by the media at [www.eu2006.fi/photos](http://www.eu2006.fi/photos).

## Presidency press directory for mobile phones

A presidency press directory for mobile phones can be installed free of charge for selected mobile phone models. The directory includes photographs of Finnish government ministers and information on media contacts.

For more information, please contact:  
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## Skype

Selected Presidency media services at the Media Centre can be contacted by webcam or by speech via Skype. Download free program at [www.skype.com](http://www.skype.com).

## SMS information on media arrangements

Media representatives can receive information on Presidency press conferences and main media events by SMS. Subscription for the SMS service can be done at the Media Centre.

## Presidency news by SMS and e-mail

To subscribe for the Presidency SMS and e-mail news service, please visit [www.eu2006.fi](http://www.eu2006.fi).

## Feedback


We are happy to receive your comments and suggestions. E-mail: [media@eu2006.fi](mailto:media@eu2006.fi)


# Preliminary media programme

### Thursday 6 July

09.00 Media Centre and media accreditation open

10.00 Presidency press briefing

 13.30 Tour de table (Social Platform meeting), photo opportunity (Pool 1)


 15.30 Tour de table (Social Partners meeting), photo opportunity (Pool 2)


18.30 Presidency press conference

20.00 Welcoming reception by the City of Helsinki

### Friday 7 July


08.00 Media Centre and media accreditation open

 08.30 Tour de table (Plenary), photo opportunity (Pool 3)

 10.00 Family photo, photo opportunity

17.30 Presidency press conference

### Saturday 8 July

 09.00- 13.00 Social programme for ministers (including a city tour, cruise, lunch), photo opportunity  
Registration at Media Info desk by Friday 7 July by 18.00 at the latest.

A detailed media programme will be available at the Media Centre.