

INVITATION

Media excursion organised by Finnish Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

in association with Informal Meeting of Ministers for Agriculture,

Helsinki region, 22–24 September 2019

You are warmly welcome to join us on an excursion in and around the city of Helsinki on 22–24 September 2019.

Preference for the Press program will be given to Ag journalists, who have not recently visited on such tour in Finland. Each guild may submit two candidates, with indication of preferred journalist. Please submit your application to Adrian Krebs, by July 08, 2019. ENAJ will then submit the chosen applicants to Finland by July 16, 2019. Out of applications, Finnish guild will coordinate with Ministry of Agriculture and send confirmation letters. At this stage, max 20 ENAJ journalists can participate.

Cost: your travel fees to and from Finland and personal costs in Finland, plus 150 € participation fee in double room. Single room 250€.

Tentative program (will provide more detailed program prior to your arrival)

Sunday 22 September

Arrival in Helsinki. Please arrive before 12 noon. Tell us your port of entry and arrival time, so we can pick you up.

13.00: Visit Organic farm and greenhouse producer, Puutarhatoimisto Ahlberg Oy, Immersbyntie 101, 01120 Västernskog; <http://www.yrttiahlberg.fi/yhteys/>

Check-in to hotel:

Hotel Rantapuisto
Furuborginkatu 3, 00980 Helsinki
Tel. +358 9 319 11 | reception@rantapuisto.fi
<https://www.rantapuisto.fi/en/contact-information/>

We will join other journalists at Löyly.

18.00: Helsinki, Löyly, an urban sauna oasis address Hernesaarenranta 4, 00150 Helsinki
<http://www.loylyhelsinki.fi/en/front-page/> Bring your swim gear!

– Welcome toast with minister, sauna bath, option for sea bathing

20.00: Dinner hosted by Mr Janne Impiö, Director of Communications, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
Restaurant Sea Horse, Kapteeninkatu 11 (ca. 20-minute walk by the seaside, weather permitting)
<http://www.seahorse.fi/>

Monday 23 September

Whole-day trip for media: Presentation of Finnish Bioeconomy

8.00 Departure: Bus will pick you up from the hotel.

8.55–9.40 Production of biofuels: Neste Oyj, Kilpilahti, presentation of biofuel production
<https://www.neste.com/companies/products/renewable-fuels>

11.00 Finnish organic farming, Wathén organic dairy farm, municipality of Hausjärvi

12.00 Production of and trade in Arctic caraway: Transfarm, city of Riihimäki.
<https://www.transfarm.fi/index.php>

(13.00 option to join the afternoon programme from Hyvinkää railway st., train R at 12.10 from Helsinki)

13.10–14.20 Lunch at Knehtilä Farm. Presentation of Pajupuro Agroecological Symbiosis (during lunch).
Lunch hosted by The Central Union of Agricultural Producers and Forest Owners (MTK)
<https://knehtilantila.fi/>

15.30 Forest site, Western Uusimaa region, coffee with ministers of agriculture

17.30 COPA-COGECA presentation; Lakeside smoke sauna, dinner hosted by COPA-COGECA. Akrieer, Karjalohja; <https://www.akri.fi/>

19.30 Departure for Helsinki

ca. 20.00 Arrival in Helsinki

Tuesday 24 September

9.30 Coffee and media briefing

13.00 (TBC) Press briefing on informal Council

Register for the informal Press Meet

Initial application to your local guild, which will submit max two applicant to Adrian Krebs
a.krebs@bauernzeitung.ch . Then Adrian will submit the applications to Finland by July 16th, 2019.

Contact for Finnish Association of Agricultural Journalists: Mr. Tapani Koivunen, tpkoivunen@gmail.com
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Information on accreditation for media related to Informal Meeting of Ministers for Agriculture will be provided later.

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