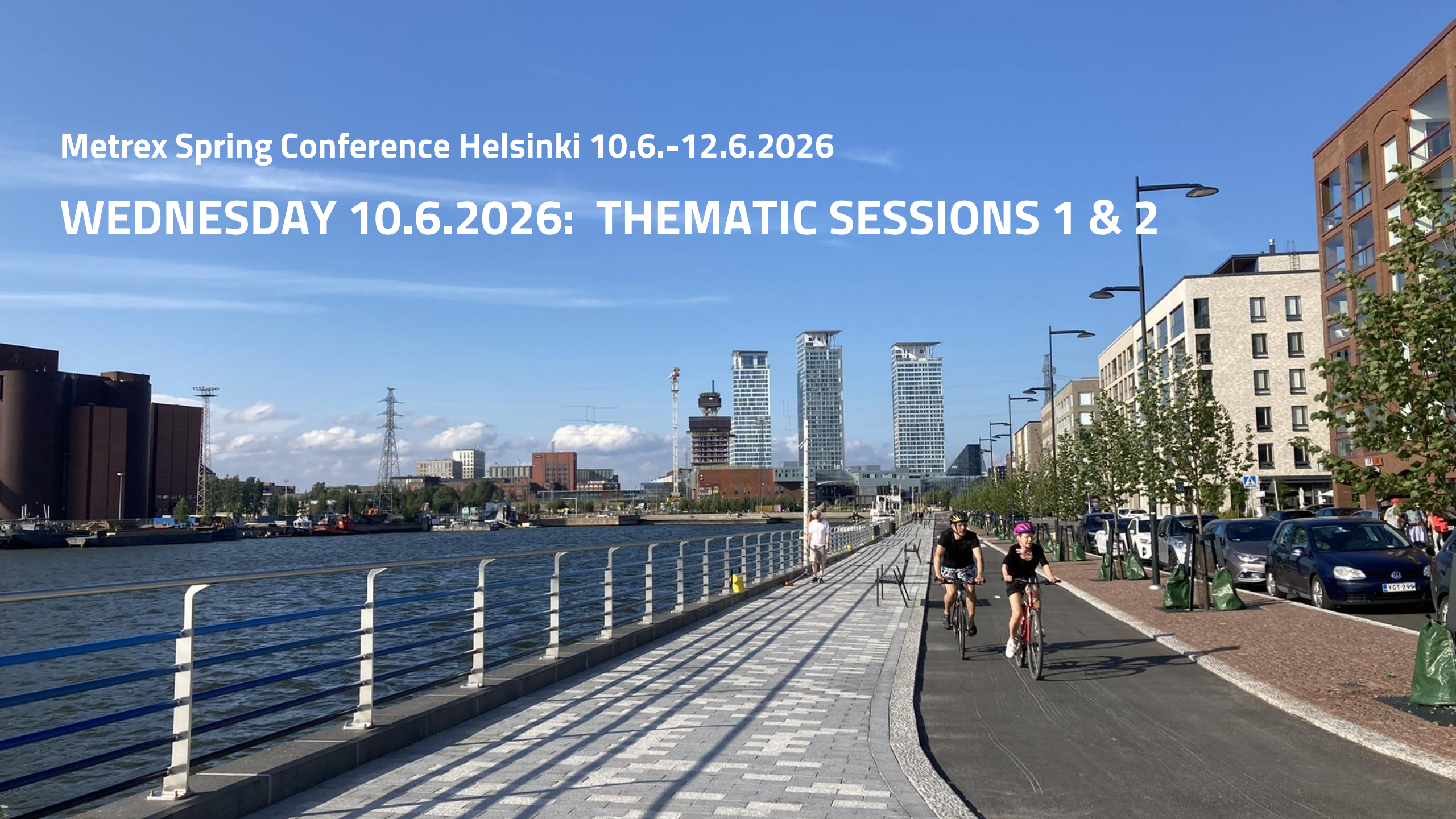


Metrex Spring Conference Helsinki 10.6.-12.6.2026

WEDNESDAY 10.6.2026: THEMATIC SESSIONS 1 & 2



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Theme session 1: Green Transition Hand Book

Presenters/facilitators:

Ilona Mansikka Head of Regional planning, Helsinki Uusimaa Region

Alpo Tani Climate Change mitigation specialist City of Helsinki

Petra Ståhl Mayor, City of Lohja

Theme session 2: From strategy to reality: CASE Crown Bridges Project - Strategic urban planning of sustainable infrastructure

Presenters/facilitators:

Niko Setälä Team Manager in public transport and transport system planning, City of Helsinki

Heikki Salmikivi Head of unit in strategic planning, City of Helsinki

We kindly ask all Expert and Network Groups to familiarise themselves in advance with the content of the two thematic sessions and the questions to be addressed jointly in them, based on this material.

The groups are also invited to consider how their members will be distributed across the two sessions. We hope to have broad representation from the various groups in both sessions.

We kindly ask you to inform us in advance, no later than 3 June 2026, how your group will be divided — that is, who will participate in thematic session 1 and who in thematic session 2 — so that we can reserve suitably sized rooms for both sessions.

Please send this information to Viviana (and a copy to ilona.mansikka@uudenmaanliitto.fi, alpo.tani@hel.fi).

Thank you!

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"From Polycrisis to Multibenefits – Promoting Holistic Sustainability in Spatial Planning"

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

DRAFT
12.5.2026

TUE 9.6.
POSSIBLE PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

FOR EXAMPLE
TÖÖLÖNLAHTI PARK,
GUIDED WALKING TOUR IN THE
Some preliminary ideas
DEVELOPMENTAL CYCLING,
LAPINLAHTI AREA...??

Expert Groups & Thematic Sessions
Location URBAN ENVIRONMENT HOUSE KYMP
WED 10.6.
GROUP MEETINGS,
+ RECEPTION, EVENING CRUISE

8:30-9:00 Registration, coffee
9-9:15 welcome, information of the building and the program of the day

EG1	EG2	EG4	EG7	EG9
EG6	EG3	EG5	EG8	

Lunch 12:30-13.30
13:30-13:50 Launch of the New Expert Group & introduction to Thematic sessions

THEMATIC SESSION 1 13:50-15:30 Auditorium 84 pers Regional Council + City of Helsinki: Green Transition Hand Book	THEMATIC SESSION 2 13:50-15:30 Aava 54 pers City of Helsinki: CASE Crown Bridges
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17:00-18:00 **RECEPTION,**
Helsinki City Hall

18:30-21 **BOAT CRUISE**
new seafront development areas

Location OODI Central Library
THU 11.6.
CONFERENCE DAY
& SAUNA, CONFERENCE DINNER

9-9:30 Registration, coffee

Conference 9:30-16
Location OODI Central Library

9:30 -9:45 OFFICIAL OPENING
9:45 - 10:05 Orientation to the Region and the City of Helsinki
10:05-10:20 Regional Data Supporting sustainable planning
10:20-10:50 KEYNOTE 1 Introduction to the theme (polycrisis, multibenefits)/ PhD Ville Lähde
11:20-11:50: KEYNOTE 2 Sustainable Urban Development in The City of Helsinki
11:50 - 12:40 VISIO Regional Plan PEER REVIEW
12:45 - 13:15 WRAP UP PANEL DISCUSSION

Lunch 13:15-14:15
14:15-15:10 Case examples & discussion: R-Map -project , Wroclaw / blue & green strategy, City of Milan, Facing Polycrisis Enriching Metropolitan Governance (TBC)
15:10 - 15:30 KEYNOTE 3 Martin Arts: The Transformation of Great European Cities
15:30-16:00 Panel Discussion
16:00-16:10 Wrap-up and Close of the day

17-20 **SAUNA (optional)**
& Free time
(In Uunisaari Island)

20-23 **CONFERENCE DINNER**
(In Uunisaari Island)

Location URBAN ENVIRONMENT HOUSE KYMP
FRI 12.6.
EXCURSIONS, GA

coffee

METREX GENERAL ASSEMBLY
9:00-11:00

+ Info about the excursions

11:00-13:00 **(Working?) Lunch**
At Kellohalli Restaurant
Future of Metrex, Wrapping Up

"City Excursion" 13:00-15:30 Organizer City of Helsinki	"Regional Excursion" by bus 13:00-16:30 Organizer: Regional Council City of Helsinki, City of Vantaa → Airport → Helsinki
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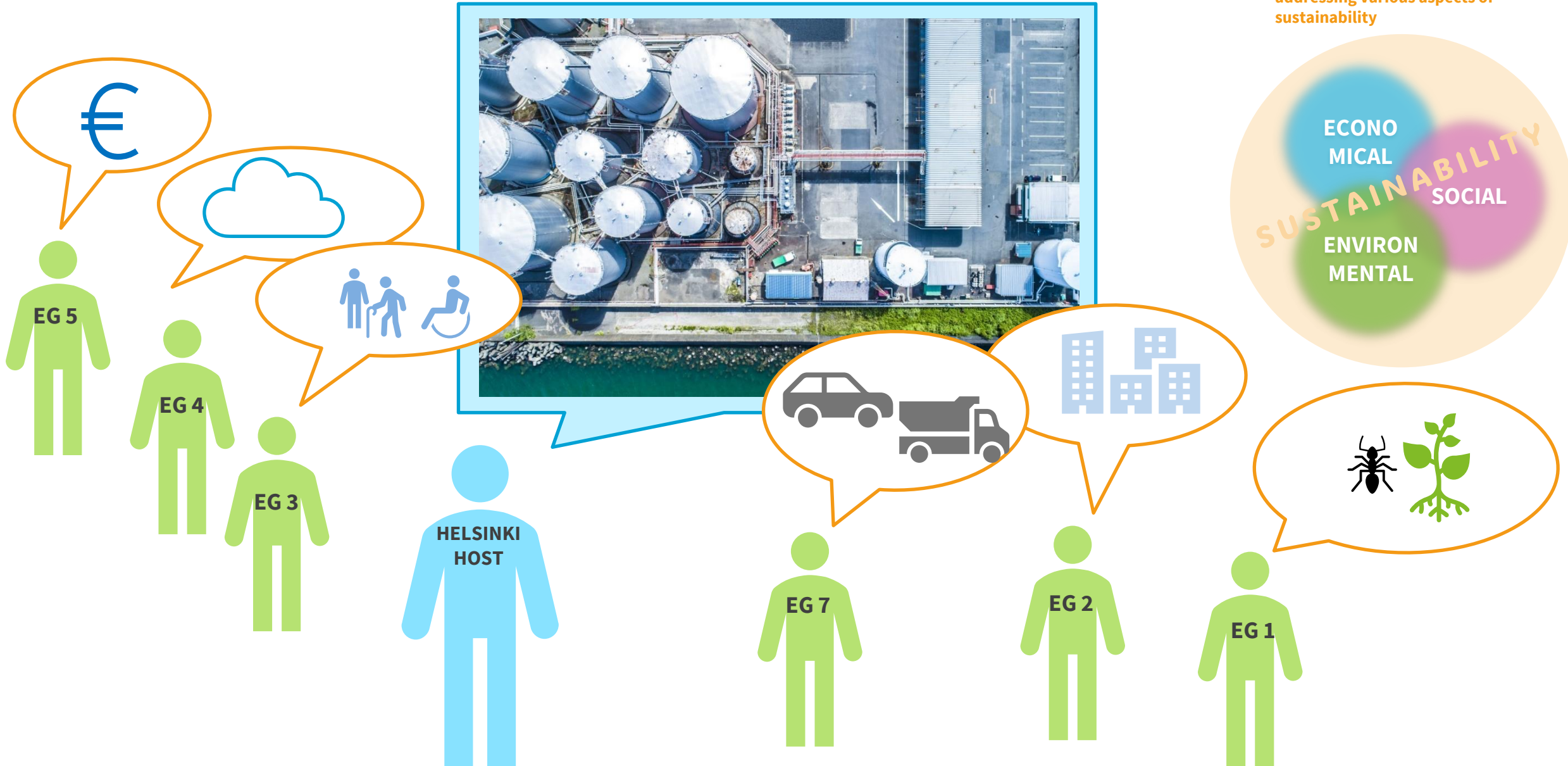
Note! 12th June Helsinki Day – lots of nice happenings around the city!

WED 10.6.2026
afternoon

METREX HELSINKI CONFERENCE /THEME SESSIONS 1 & 2 :

Feedback and peer support between Metrex colleagues and hosts

- Presentations from the host organizations
- comments, feedback, and peer support from METREX members representing different Expert Groups
- addressing various aspects of sustainability



METREX Spring Conference in Helsinki will be a great opportunity for METREX Expert Groups to **bring more members into the conversation** and to **contribute to the conference theme** across a wide range of policy domains. **Day 1 (10 June) is fully dedicated to Expert Group work:**

In the morning, expert groups meet and, among other things, prepare for the afternoon sessions, and in the afternoon, group representatives share their views in two thematic sessions.

Our proposition for concept for Wednesday 10.6. afternoon theme sessions :

Two different theme sessions will be hosted by the organizers

1. Green Transition Handbook

/ Helsinki Uusimaa Regional Council + City of Helsinki

2. From strategy to reality: CASE Crown Bridges Project - Strategic urban planning of sustainable infrastructure

/ City of Helsinki

An introduction to the theme /presentation by the host & comments and open discussion with Expert Group members

Related to the theme, we introduce specific questions to Expert Group participants in advance and invite peer support or benchmark examples around it. This could also help participants better choose which session is most relevant to them and allow them to prepare a bit in advance, for example in the morning Expert Group meetings. We hope that in each theme session there will be a mix of participants from different expert groups – to ensure the holistic approach to the theme in question.

