

Cultural and Safe Cities Commissions joint meeting in Espoo from 19th to 21st of March

Safety and Public Events: Peer Learning and Exchange of Best Practices Between Cities

Themes of the meeting: Small-Scale Events, The organizer's role in Safer events, Safety issues for Event Organizers, Different aspect on Safety, Arts and Culture

Preliminary Program Outline

The program will officially begin with lunch on March 19th and conclude with lunch on March 21st, minor adjustments are possible during the program.

Espoo is a city with **5 distinct city centers**. Last spring, we spent time in the **Tapiola and Matinkylä areas**, and this time, we will explore **Espoon Keskus and Leppävaara**, discovering their cultural and urban landscapes.

Wednesday, 19 March 2025 | Kannusali, Espoon Keskus

<https://g.co/kgs/Vn7iw62>

12:00 – 13:00 | Welcome Lunch

13:00 – 14:30 | Opening Session & Keynote about Safety in small-scale events

14:30 – 15:30 | Study Visit in Kannusali (Kannusali is a concert hall in a civil protection shelter)

16:00 – 18:00 | Commission Meetings (Parallel Sessions)

19:00 – 21:00 | Dinner (*Venue: tbc*)

Thursday, 20 March 2025 | Sello Library & Glo Hotel, Leppävaara

10:00 – 12:00 | Best Practices from the cities: Safety in Small-scale events, Safety instructions, etc.

12:00 – 13:00 | Lunch

Afternoon Session – Workshops & Collaborative Discussions

13:00 – 14:00 Keynote Speaker (*tbc*)

14:00 – 16:30 Workshops: Safety in Different Event Settings

Group Discussions on Safety in Indoor Events & Outdoor Events & Online Events

16:30 – 17:00 Conclusion & Takeaways

17:00 – 18:20 | Dinner (Venue Tbc)

19:00 – 20:15 | Evening Cultural Program(optional)

Will Funk For Food: A Fistful of Funk concert at **Sellosali** [Will Funk For Food: A Fistful of Funk | Espoon kaupunki](#)

Friday, 21 March 2025 | Helsinki

9:30 – 11:00 | Study visit in Helsinki

11:00-12:00 | Lunch

12:00 – 13:00 | Key note speaker&conclusion

Warmly welcome,

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