



ESPOO

# WELCOME TO ESPOO!

What makes Espoo the most  
intelligent community in the world?

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# ESPOO

The 2<sup>nd</sup> largest city in Finland



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# ESPOO FAST FACTS

**280,628**  
inhabitants

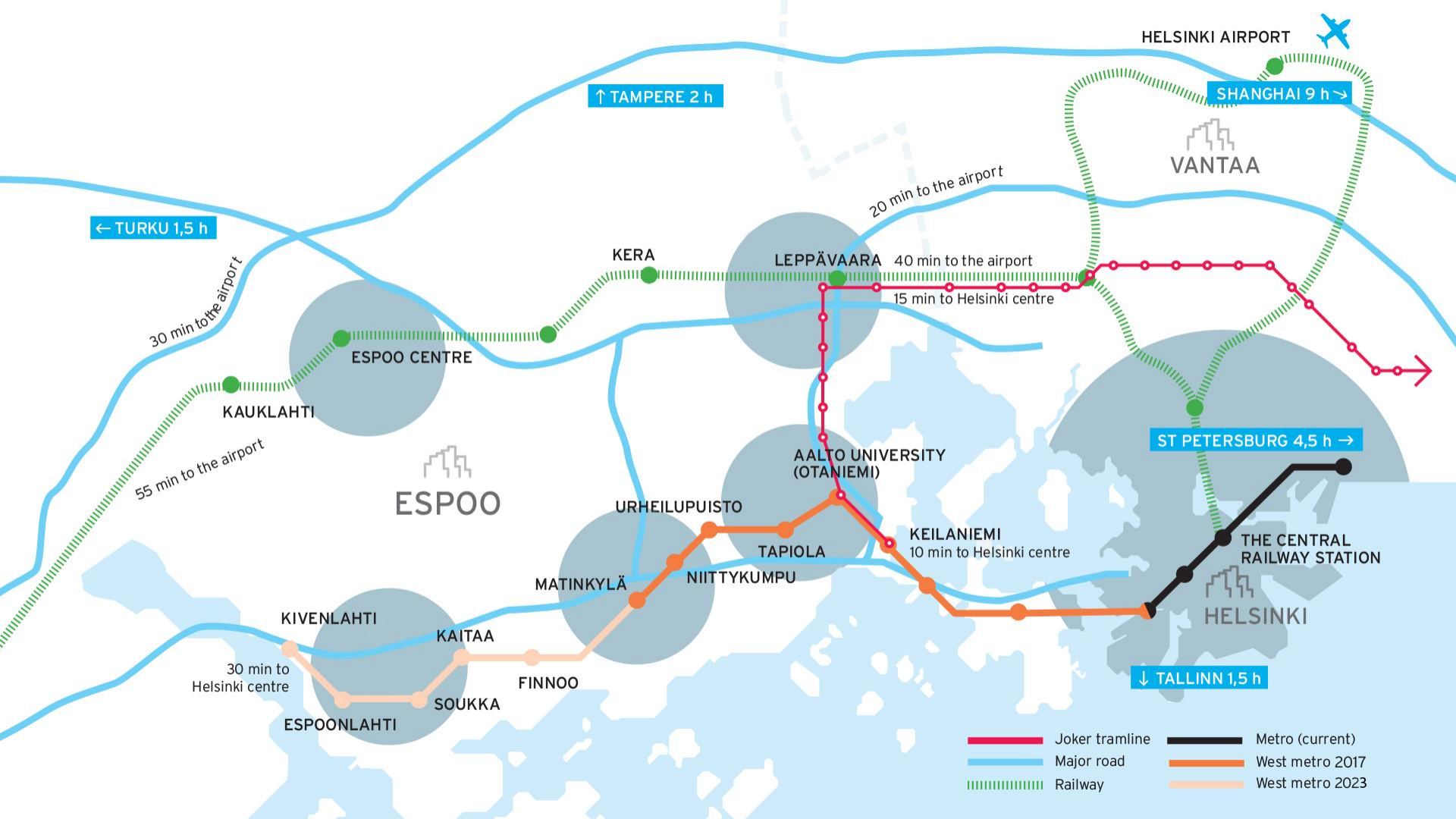
**528km<sup>2</sup>**  
or **204mi<sup>2</sup>**  
of area

**95** lakes and  
**165** islands

**58km**  
or **36mi** of  
seashore

**108**  
schools or  
higher education  
institutions

**16** libraries  
and **9** museums





# **ESPOO STORY**

**invites residents to develop  
their own neighbourhood**

**Resident  
and customer  
oriented**

**A responsible  
pioneer**

**Fair, treating  
people with  
equality,  
humanity and  
tolerance**

# **INTELLIGENT COMMUNITY AWARD**

**A year-long evaluation process**

**Top 7 intelligent communities**

**One winner**





# PREVIOUS WINNERS

**Melbourne,  
Australia  
2017**

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**Montreal,  
Canada  
2016**

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**Columbus,  
USA  
2015**

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**– The Most Intelligent Community  
in the World 2018**



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A photograph of three people riding yellow shared bicycles with baskets. The woman on the left is wearing a white helmet and glasses. The man in the middle is wearing a white helmet and a light blue shirt. The man on the right is wearing a dark blue jacket and a dark helmet. The baskets on the bicycles have the name 'alena' and 'FILLARI' on them. The background shows a paved path, trees, and a body of water under a clear blue sky.

# WINNING FEATURES

**People-first  
approach**

**Open  
innovation  
network**

**Sustainable  
to the core**

# ESPOO INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM

Ecosystems  
of large  
companies

Rising  
challenger  
ecosystems

Innovation ecosystems, where  
people co-create a sustainable  
and wise future

Public  
ecosystems

Research  
ecosystems

Nature's ecosystems





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# SMART TRANSPORTATION

**Public  
transportation  
on rails**

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**City  
bikes**

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**Espoo  
rowing boats**

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# GROWTH

**50% of turnover in the  
Helsinki Stock Exchange**

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# HOME OF MANY HQ'S

Nokia, Microsoft, Rovio, Kone, Neste, Valmet, Tieto  
and many others

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A photograph of three individuals in white lab coats working in a laboratory. They are gathered around a piece of equipment, possibly a microscope or a specialized instrument. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source coming from the equipment, creating a focused and professional atmosphere. The text 'TALENT' is overlaid in large, bold, white letters across the center of the image.

# TALENT

**over 50% of residents  
over 25 years old hold  
a university degree**



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# VTT

**TECHNICAL RESEARCH  
CENTRE OF FINLAND**

**the largest research and technology  
organisations in Northern Europe**



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**A?** Aalto University  
Design-Factory

# AALTO UNIVERSITY

brings together technology,  
business, and design



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# STARTUP ECOSYSTEM

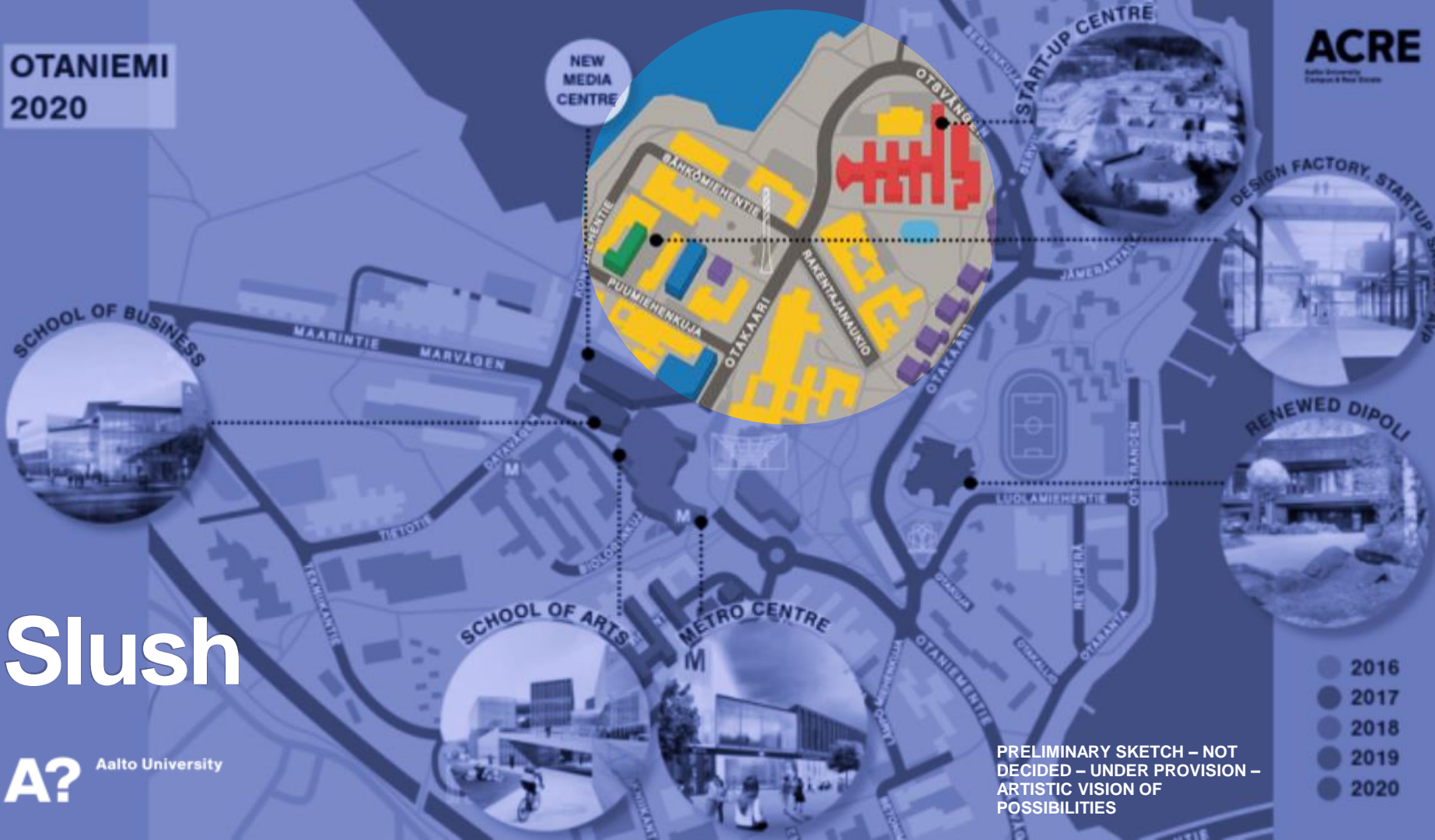
Espoo hosts over 10  
startup communities





OTANIEMI  
2020

ACRE  
Aalto University  
Campus & Real Estate



# Slush

A? Aalto University

PRELIMINARY SKETCH – NOT  
DECIDED – UNDER PROVISION –  
ARTISTIC VISION OF  
POSSIBILITIES

- 2016
- 2017
- 2018
- 2019
- 2020

Cleantech

Biotech

AI, VR, AR

Big Data

5G

Health

Pharmaceuticals

# CANDY SHOP

Education

Space

Games

Smart City

Smart Energy

Travel

Smart Industry

Nanotechnology

MaaS





- + 25,000m2
- Creative businesses
- Maker's spaces
- 100+ startups
- Kitchens + café
- Open work space
- Accelerators
- Restaurant + bar

Co-working  
Memberships!





# BUSINESS ESPOO

A new business services center at A Grid

- Espoo City: Economic And Urban Development Unit
- Espoo Marketing Oy
- Helsinki Region Chamber of Commerce
- EnterpriseEspoo
- The Federation of Espoo Enterprises
- Omnia
- TE Office Services for Businesses





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**THANK YOU!**

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