

AEWA EUROPEAN GOOSE MANAGEMENT PLATFORM



7th MEETING OF THE
AEWA EUROPEAN GOOSE MANAGEMENT
INTERNATIONAL WORKING GROUP

21-23 June 2022, Helsinki, Finland



INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

The 7th Meeting of the AEWA European Goose Management International Working Group (EGM IWG7) will be held at the Ministry of the Environment in Helsinki, Finland on 21-23 June 2022.

A face-to-face meeting of the EGMP Task Forces will be held on 20 June 2022 in the same venue.

Meeting Dates

The EGM IWG7 meeting will be opened at 09:00 on Tuesday, 21 June and is scheduled to finish after lunch (13:00) on Thursday, 23 June. Times are subject to change, to be communicated on the [website](#) if applicable.

Registration will take place in the Ministry of the Environment entrance hall. Badges can be collected from the registration/security officers.

The meeting will be held in meeting room Pankkisali on the 1st floor. Participants will be directed to the meeting room after collecting their badges. Please wear your badges visibly at all times whilst in the building.

Registration at the venue will be open on 21 June starting from 08:00 until 09:00.

Funded delegates will receive further detailed information about their arrangements, upon request.

Task Forces

The face-to-face meeting of the EGMP Task Forces will be held on Monday, 20 June. The agenda and more details on the schedule will be communicated to the Task Force members and made available on the [website](#).

The meeting will be held in meeting room Pankkisali on the 1st floor. Participants will be directed to the meeting room after collecting their badges. Please wear your badges visibly at all times whilst in the building.

Registration at the venue will be open on 20 June for the Task Force meetings participants (timings to be communicated at a later stage).

Contacts

In case of any questions or if you require any assistance, please contact the meeting organisers:

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About Helsinki



Situated at the Baltic Sea, Helsinki is Finland's capital and its largest city with a metropolitan population of 1.4 million inhabitants. Being a coastal city is one of its strongest characteristics – Helsinki Archipelago is stretched over 315 islands. Dubbed as “the daughter of Baltic”, the city is known for its art and design scene, harmony with nature, both vibrant and easy-going atmosphere. It is composed of three main districts: Helsinki Downtown, North Helsinki and East Helsinki.

Helsinki was founded in the middle of the XVI century to compete with the city of Tallinn in trade. Following the annexation of Finland by Russia, in 1812 the capital was moved from Turku to Helsinki, to be closer to Saint Petersburg. The move triggered the city's continuous growth and development.



You can start exploring the city with a walk at the Market Square, catch a wonderful panoramic view from the SkyWheel, visit the Senate Square offering historic and religious sites such as Helsinki Cathedral, the Government Palace and the main building of the University of Helsinki. To get in touch with the city's green spaces, spend some time at Esplanadi Park. Both the central railway station and the main bus terminal are located in the city centre.

Just a short ferry ride away is the Suomenlinna – an island fortress which is a UNESCO World Heritage site. The fortress was built in the XVIII century by the Swedish crown to defend the city against the Russian troops. Today, Suomenlinna is one of the biggest tourist attractions in Finland and a popular picnic spot for the locals.

You can find more information on sightseeing in Helsinki at <https://www.myhelsinki.fi/en>.

Pre-Registration

Please pre-register under the following links as soon as possible:

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<https://meetings.unep-awa.org/meetings/EGMP7/registration>

The pre-registration deadline is **15 May 2022**.

Hotels

Please note, that no hotel rooms will be booked by the AEWA Secretariat for participants; **both funded and non-funded delegates are kindly requested to make their own hotel reservations.**

We would like to urge you to **make your hotel reservation as soon as possible** – June coincides with the high season, so the hotels can be booked out.

Travel and Transport to and from Helsinki Airport

[Helsinki Airport](#) is a 30-minute ride from the city.

By Train:

Local trains **I** and **P** operate between the city and the airport. The one-way ticket costs € 5,00 and can be purchased either through the ticket machine or via [HSL Mobile ticket app](#).

By Bus:

There are a number of buses servicing Helsinki Airport. You can plan your route using the [HLS website](#).

By Taxi:

The taxi from the airport to the city centre will cost around € 45.

Recommended taxi companies in Helsinki:

Helsinki Airport Taxi: +358 9 8386630

Kovanen: +358 200 6060

Taksikuljetus Oy: +358 9 3505070

Meals

Lunches will be provided for all participants on all meeting days. Lunch will be served at the venue. Participants are strongly encouraged to indicate any potential dietary restrictions when registering for the meeting in order to ensure that these can be accommodated for.

Coffee and tea will be available in the morning and afternoon during coffee breaks on all meeting days. In addition, there are coffee/tea dispensers in the vicinity of the meeting rooms.

Visas

All registered participants requiring visas will be provided with personal invitation letters as well as verbal notes to support their visa applications. Please contact Eva Meyers (eva.meyers@un.org) at the AEWA Secretariat if you should require visa support. Please apply at the relevant Embassy of Finland for the visa.

Participants experiencing any difficulties with immigration or customs upon arrival in Finland should contact the meeting organisers (see contact information above). Additional information regarding visas is available in the fact sheet for funded delegates.

Internet

Wireless internet will be available (free of charge) throughout the venue for the duration of the meeting.

Weather

Helsinki has a humid continental climate. The average temperature in June varies between 19-22 °C with daylight hours lasting up to 19 hours.

Emergency Telephone Numbers

The emergency number is **112** which works in all EU countries.

The Medical Helpline number is **116 117**.

Latest Coronavirus Info

You can find information on latest Coronavirus restrictions in Finland here: <https://valtioneuvosto.fi/en/information-on-coronavirus/current-restrictions>

[The Helsinki airport website also has an overview of frequently asked questions: https://www.finavia.fi/en/air-travel-during-covid-19](https://www.finavia.fi/en/air-travel-during-covid-19)

We kindly urge all participants to check the COVID-19-related restrictions in their countries for their travel planning and arrangements.

Disclaimer

The UNEP/AEWA Secretariat disclaims all responsibility for medical, accident and travel insurance, compensation for death or disability compensation, loss of or damage to personal property and any other loss that may be incurred during travel time or the duration of the meetings. In this context, it is strongly recommended that all meeting participants secure international medical and travel insurance for the period of travel and the duration of the meeting, prior to their departure.