

EUROPEAN BIOECONOMY SCENE 2019

WELCOME TO HELSINKI 8–10 JULY 2019

EXCURSION: FOREST-BASED BIOECONOMY

Date: 9–10 July 2019

Location: Äänekoski

Departing: 9 July, Train Helsinki–Jyväskylä (departure 19.04, arrival 22.27)

Returning: 10 July, Train Jyväskylä–Helsinki (departure 19.17, arrival 22.54)

This excursion will take us to Äänekoski, in central Finland. We will visit Pro Nemus, which is Metsä Group's visitor centre, where we will be introduced to a cross-section of their operations, products and opportunities offered by the bioeconomy. We will also have a chance to visit Metsä Fibre, the first next-generation bioproduct mill in the world. In the afternoon, we will be introduced to bioeconomy solutions of Valio (cheese production) and CP Kelco, a global leader in the manufacturing of specialty hydrocolloids. Later, we will visit a forest site, where Metsä Group will present how it ensures sustainable management and growth of forests and protects forest nature diversity. Our visit to Äänekoski ends in beautiful Kapeenkoski, which offers sustainable tourism services.

The trip to Äänekoski requires an overnight stay. Participants are responsible for the costs of accommodation and should book their accommodation themselves. Our hotel is Spa Hotel Peurunka (<https://peurunka.fi/en/>). You should book your accommodation by 11 May, by phone +358 20 7516 300, or by email peurunka@peurunka.fi. Remember to give the reservation code EU-BIO 9.–10.7.19 when you book your reservation to get the pre-agreed price. The cost of the accommodation for the night is EUR 92.

Train transport is provided to Jyväskylä and back to Helsinki. The train transport offers a unique panorama insight to Finnish nature and the white nights of Finland.

If you wish to fly to Äänekoski instead, you must book the flight yourself and you are responsible for the cost of the flight. Suggested flights are for example:

Departing: 9 July, Flight AY289, Helsinki–Jyväskylä (departure 23.40, arrival 00.24)

Returning: 10 July, Flight AY646, Jyväskylä–Helsinki (departure 18.50, arrival 19.35)

July 9

- 18.30 **Pick-up from the hotel Scandic Park Helsinki, bus transport to railway station**
- 19.04 **Train departs to Jyväskylä**
- 20.30 **Light snack on the train**
- 22.27 **Train arrives in Jyväskylä. Bus transport to Spa Hotel Peurunka in Äänekoski**



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- 08.30 **Pick-up from Spa Hotel Peurunka**
- 09.00 **Metsä Group's Pro Nemus visitor centre: morning programme**
More information about Pro Nemus: <https://www.metsagroup.com/en/media/Pages/CASE-Pro-Nemus-visitor-centre-is-a-completely-new-kind-of-forest-experience.aspx>
Morning coffee
Presentations: Metsä Group and bioeconomy, next-generation bioproduct mill in Äänekoski
Tour of the Pro Nemus visitor centre
Tour of the bioproduct mill
- 12.15 **Lunch at the Pro Nemus cafeteria**
- 13.00 **Metsä Group's Pro Nemus visitor centre: afternoon programme**
Presentations: Valio and CP Kelco
Visit to Metsä Group forest site
Visit to Kapeenkoski (<http://www.kapeenkoski.com/who-we-are>); afternoon coffee and introduction to the city of Äänekoski
- 17.45 **Excursion ends, bus transport to the Jyväskylä railway station**
- 19.17 **Train departs to Helsinki**
- 21.00 **Light snack on the train**
- 22.54 **Train arrives in Helsinki. Bus transport to the hotel or Helsinki Airport**

Latest version of the excursion programme is available at www.bioeconomy.fi/eubioscene19

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