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. Participants will receive the train tickets when boarding the train. 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


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 and Plänet B Project

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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