

## Finland Project Management Roundup <sup>1</sup>

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### INTRODUCTION

This roundup continues the coverage of Association of Project Professionals Finland, PMI Finland Chapter and some of the key projects currently going on in Finland.

### ASSOCIATION OF PROJECT PROFESSIONALS FINLAND

Association of Project Professionals Finland (APPF) is a not-for-profit organization, and the International Project Management Association (IPMA) Member Association (MA) in Finland.



Founded in 1978, APPF promotes the interaction, project-oriented thinking, and exchange and development of practical and theoretical knowledge among project management professionals with over 4000 individual and 200 organizational members. APPF organizes two annual conferences: *Projektipäivät* in late fall and *3PMO* in early summer.

This year the 3PMO took place on 13.6.2023 in Tampere under the theme *Virstanpylväs* [milestone]. Projektipäivät will take place on 10 ... 11.10.2023 in Helsinki. Please navigate to [www.pry.fi/en](http://www.pry.fi/en) for general information on APPF, and to [www.pry.fi/tapahtumat](http://www.pry.fi/tapahtumat) for information on 3PMO and Projektipäivät.

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## PMI FINLAND CHAPTER

PMI Finland Chapter is a not-for-profit organization providing project practitioners in Finland continuous learning, networking and community support. The Chapter was founded in 2005. Today, with more than 300 members, the chapter is increasingly recognized as a community where its members can enhance their project management and leadership skills, as well as network with other project management professionals.



PMI Finland Chapter hosts a number of events such as Breakfast Round Tables, regular meetings taking place once a month in Helsinki and occasionally also in other locations. The chapter members have the opportunity to attend events for free or with a discount and the chapter sends its members a regular newsletter with localized content on project management. Additionally, the Chapter supports its members in their professional development and training.

PMI Chapter Finland organizes an annual conference in the spring. This year the event took place on 25.5.2023 in Espoo under the theme *Projects in sustainability & Technology – What's next ?* Please navigate to [www.pmi-fi.org/](http://www.pmi-fi.org/) for general information on the PMI Finland Chapter.

## RAIDE-JOKERI

The consortium comprising **YIT** and **VR Track** have completed the technical trials of the Raide-Jokeri light rail line. The project is well ahead of the original time schedule, and the start of commercial operations on the new line – anticipated to be number 15 – is being planned. The *Alliance model* employed in the project is generally considered the main contributor towards successful project completion ahead of agreed time schedule.



*Raide-Jokeri technical trials have been completed (photo courtesy raidejokeri.info)*

## KRUUNUSILLAT

The Kruunusillat project is proceeding with the construction of a string of bridges to traverse *Kruunuvuorenselkä*, a waterway east of the downtown area, and to establish a new tram line to connect the *Laajasalo*, *Korkeasaari* and *Kalasadama* areas to the immediate downtown area by means of 10 km light rail line.

Construction works are now proceeding in *Kalasadama*, as well as *Verkkosaari*. Norwegian heavy lift crane vessel HLV Uglen visited Helsinki, and lifted the main steel sections of the Kruunuvuorensilta bridge into position one by one. Several sections were lifted at night in order to mitigate distraction to yacht traffic, as the waterway needed to be cordoned off for the massive lifting: Each main section was 70 meters in length, and 500 metric tons in weight.



*HLV Uglen lifting one of the main steel sections at night (photo courtesy vesselfinder.com)*

The project will be implemented in two phases: The first phase includes the main construction works, including the bridges, at an estimated cost of 326 M€. The second phase includes extending the tram tracks to the Helsinki Central Railway Station at an estimated cost of 10 M€. Other works project costs, such as a new rolling stock and a new tram depot, are estimated at 214 M€, bringing the total cost to 550 M€. The alliance way of working adds to the challenge of creating an exact cost estimate for the project.

Kruunusillat project implementation is scheduled to complete by the end of 2026. The new tram lines are estimated to commence operations in the beginning of 2027.

Two continuous live video feeds are available from the main construction sites at [https://enlapser.cloud/1339551240/fi/read/Kruunusillat\\_Helsinki\\_toistin\\_1\\_video](https://enlapser.cloud/1339551240/fi/read/Kruunusillat_Helsinki_toistin_1_video) , and at [https://enlapser.cloud/2065466739/fi/read/Kruunusillat\\_Helsinki\\_toistin\\_2\\_video](https://enlapser.cloud/2065466739/fi/read/Kruunusillat_Helsinki_toistin_2_video) .

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