

Finland Project Management Roundup

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INTRODUCTION

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

PROJECT PROFESSIONALS FINLAND

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



Founded in 1978, PPF 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. PPF organizes two annual conferences: *Projektipäivät* in late fall and *3PMO* in early summer.

This year the 3PMO event took place on 5.6.2024 at Tampere-talo, Tampere, Finland, with the theme *Muutoksen moottorina?* [As the motor for change?]. Projektipäivät will take place on 17 ... 18.9.2024 at Messukeskus convention center in Helsinki with the theme *Muutoksen vuoksi* [Because of the change]. Please navigate to www.pry.fi/en for general information on PPF, and to www.pry.fi/en/events for further information on PPF events.

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.

Please navigate to www.pmi-.org/ for general information on the PMI Finland Chapter.

KRUUNUSILLAT

The Kruunusillat project is proceeding with the construction of a string of bridges to traverse *Kruunuvuorenselkä*, a waterway east of the Helsinki downtown area, and to establish a new tram line to connect the *Laajasalo*, *Korkeasaari* and *Kalasadama* areas to the downtown area by means of 10 km light rail line. The project has entered a combination of fixed-priced and alliance contracts with a range of contractors and suppliers.



Construction works are now proceeding in *Kalasadama*, as well as *Verkkosaari*. Pouring of the *Kruunuvuorensilta* center pylon is under way, while its steel structures – 45 000 m² in total – are being painted dark gray. In parallel, the concrete deck of the *Merihaansilta* bridge is being poured despite the summer holiday season in Finland.

The Kruunusillat project has brought awareness to the fact, that several bridges in the downtown Helsinki are deteriorating. Harsh winter conditions, the steel-spiked winter tires most cars are using, and the chemicals used for de-icing damage roadworks – including bridges – over the years. With the attention being paid to the Kruunusillat project, several bridges have been noted to be declining faster than anticipated. With the large sum of public funding required for the Kruunusillat projects, it appears unlikely that major improvements can be undertaken in many of the bridges facing problems.

The project is being 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 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 2027.



Artist's view of the Kruunuvuorensilta bridge (illustration courtesy WSP, Knight Architects)

Two continuous live video feeds are available from the main construction sites at https://enlapser.cloud/1339551240/fi/read/Kruunusillat_Helsinki_toistin_1_video , and at <https://enlapser.cloud/1730048606/fi/> .

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