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## About ERF

The European Robotics Forum 2018 is the meeting point for robotics in Europe, bringing together over 700 researchers, engineers, managers, and a growing number of entrepreneurs and business people from all over Europe. During the event, you will have the opportunity to:

- ▶ Identify the potential of robotics applications for business, creation of jobs, and meeting societal needs by listening to our presentations. Learn about the most recent breakthroughs in applications (from agricultural robots to health services) and new robotic business potentials by visiting our exhibition;
- ▶ Network with a wide range of participants from different countries and various robotics sectors during breaks and social events;
- ▶ Get to know ongoing initiatives in robotics within Europe by listening to the European Commission's opinions;
- ▶ Voice your opinion to influence decision makers and strengthen the collaboration between all stakeholders in the robotics community.

## Finland

Finland is one of the Nordic countries, the others being Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Iceland. Situated in the far northeast of Europe, it is a quiet, peaceful and socially stable country. Finland has been a member of the European Union since 1995. The currency used in Finland is the euro.

Tampere is an interesting congress destination. It is a cosy, safe and beautiful town in the Finnish lake district. Surrounded by two large lakes, the city has a distinctive air of natural peace. The Tampere Region has a population of approximately 400,000, making it the second largest economic area in Finland. The size of Tampere is very convenient for conference delegates. All hotels are located in or near the city centre and congress centre Tampere Hall.

**[www.visittampere.fi](http://www.visittampere.fi)**

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## The venue



*Tampere Hall*

Tampere Hall is Scandinavia's largest congress and concert centre and is one of the most popular venues in Finland. Since opening its doors in 1990, Tampere Hall has hosted a great number of international congresses, world-class music performances, operas and ballet performances.

**[www.tamperehall.com](http://www.tamperehall.com)**

## How to reach us BY AIR

There are excellent flight connections to Finland from all parts of the world. You can reach Tampere by flying via Helsinki with Finnair (One World), via Stockholm with SAS, the Scandinavian Airlines System (Star Alliance) or via Riga with airBaltic. Ryanair has several routes during the summer season.

Tampere-Pirkkala International Airport is 20 minutes from the city centre. Since the airport is small and efficient, travellers will be at hotel 30 minutes after landing. Accordingly, check-in times are short and travellers need to be there only 1 hour prior to their flight.

## BY TRAIN & CAR

Fast Pendolino trains offer a very convenient means of transportation, taking passengers from Helsinki to Tampere in 1h 30 minutes. There is also an easy and fast train connection from the Helsinki airport to Tampere via Tikkurila.

Finland is easily accessible by car from Eastern Europe through Via Baltica. Tampere is also within easy reach of Moscow and St. Petersburg by train.

## GETTING AROUND THE CITY

Tampere is a compact city with everything within walking distance. Tampere Hall as well as the conference hotels are located near the city centre.