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EYE

Green Deal Challenges
The European Youth
Exchanges Experience

Loimaa, Finland
23-30 July 2026

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This is not an exchange
This is the...



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EYE MEGA-GAME

Get ready!
You're about to step into
something bigger than a
typical youth exchange.



EYE is a shared European adventure
where you won't just learn about
sustainability...
you will **play it, test it, and shape it**
together with other young people
across countries.

You will

Face
environmental
challenges



Turn ideas into
real impact



Build alliances and
compete
across Europe



Travel with
purpose



Why You Should Join A Green & Inspiring Experience

This youth exchange is more than a project — it is an opportunity to:



Experience sustainable living in practice

Learn how everyday choices can reduce your environmental impact while living together in an international group.



Connect with people from different cultures

Share perspectives, challenge your assumptions, and build genuine international friendships.



Build practical skills through non-formal education

Strengthen your communication, teamwork, and problem-solving through hands-on and game-based activities.



Take action for a more sustainable future

Move from ideas to action and discover how you can contribute to real change.



You will be part of a unique journey combining:

Learning

Learn through interactive challenges, simulations, and game-based experiences..

Intercultural Exchange

Experience diversity firsthand and learn to value different cultures and perspectives.

Collaboration

Work together with others, co-create ideas, and learn how to build something meaningful as a team.

Unforgettable experiences

Create lasting memories, step out of your comfort zone, and live an experience you will carry with you long after the project ends.

Summary of the youth exchange program



Thursday 23 July 2026 - arrival in **Loimaa**

Friday 24 July 2026 - *Working day - Team building*

Saturday 25 July 2026 - *Working day*

Sunday 26 July 2026 - *Working day - Transport to Mustajärvi Camping area*

Monday 27 July 2026 - *Working day*

Tuesday 28 July 2026 - *Working day*

Wednesday 29 July 2026 - *Working day - Transport to Turku*

Thursday 30 July 2026 - departure from **Turku**

Work site: Work site: LEKO is located in Hirvikoski, a village about 5 km from Loimaa. During the youth exchange, participants will also get transported to Mustajärvi camping area and Turku, where the youth exchange ends on July 30th.



Hosting Venue and Environment

The activities will start at:

- **Name of the venue:** LEKO folk high school
- **Location:** Opistontie 4, 32210, Loimaa
- Accommodation and activity spaces are in the same village
- Access to natural areas

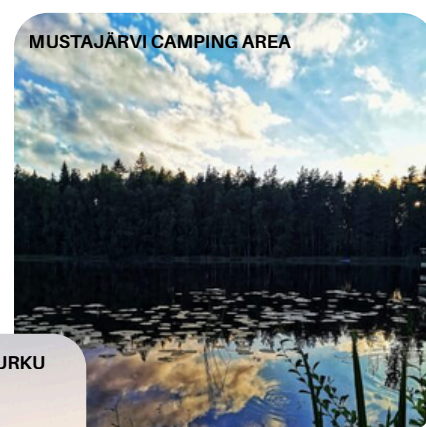
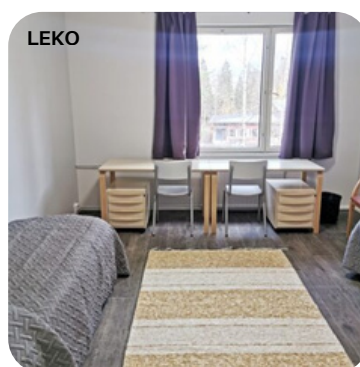


Why This Location?

It reflects the project's focus on **environmental awareness** and **sustainability**

It allows participants to **experience** the local Finnish nature and sustainable living. Loimaa is part of the "Hinku" network, working towards **carbon neutral municipalities**. You can read about sustainable development in Loimaa and see [their weekly CO2 emission tracker](#) [here!](#)

It provides a **practical context** to explore climate change challenges and solutions



Weather and Climate Conditions

THE EXCHANGE WILL TAKE PLACE IN SOUTHWEST FINLAND, WHERE THE CLIMATE DURING THE PROJECT PERIOD IS TYPICALLY:

Average temperature



~15-25°C daytime

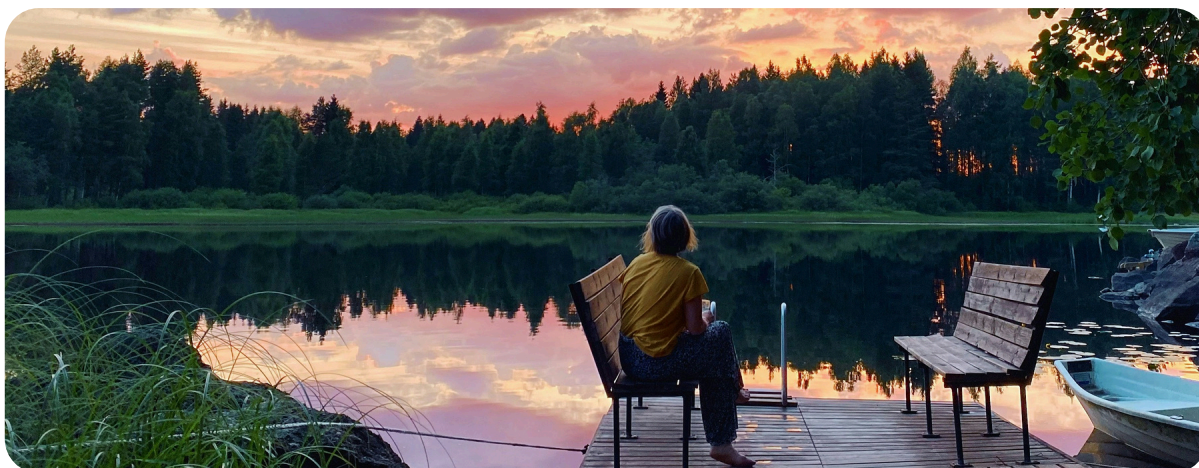
~10-15°C nighttime

Possible weather conditions



July is the warmest summer month in Finland. The climate in July is **warm and mild**, with a possibility of **cooler nights** ~10°C. During heat waves, some days can be up to 30°C. Be prepared for some rainy days.

The weather can be very varying in Southwest Finland during July, which is why you should bring comfortable clothes to **layer**. Bring some **lightweight clothes** for warmer days as well as **waterproof** and **warmer clothes** for colder days and evenings. A waterproof jacket/raincoat and comfortable shoes are also recommended for activities in nature. Don't forget to bring your swimsuit for sauna & swimming at Mustajärvi camping area!



What to bring

Please make sure to bring all the items you would normally need for your daily travel and stay, including clothing, personal hygiene products, and any essential personal belongings.

In addition, we recommend bringing:

Comfortable clothes and shoes suitable for outdoor activities



A Reusable water bottle



Swimming suit and towel



Any medication you may need



Powerbank



Mosquito repellent (can also be bought in Finland!)



Something representing your country for intercultural evenings! Please do not bring alcoholic beverages, as LEKO is a substance free area.



How to reach the area we have prepared for your accommodation

You should plan your arrival to **Loimaa** on 23.7. We will arrange a **pick up** from the train or bus station, and take you to the accommodation at LEKO folk high school.

This is how to reach Loimaa:

WITH TRAIN:

We will pick you up from Loimaa station, and transport you to LEKO (about 5km from Loimaa).

FROM TURKU (recommended)

You can get to Loimaa by train from Turku. The trip from Turku to Loimaa takes about 45 minutes. You can see the train schedule on the [VR website](#).

FROM HELSINKI

You can take the train from Helsinki to Loimaa. The trip from Helsinki to Loimaa takes between 2-3,5 hours depending on the transfers. Your transfer is either in Toijala (Akaa), Turku or Karjaa. If your transfer is in Turku or Karjaa, you will be using a trackwork bus instead of a train, because of maintenance work on the railroad between Helsinki-Turku (22.6.-26.7.2026). After the transfer bus, you will board a normal train.



How to reach the area we have prepared for your accommodation

WITH BUS:

We will pick you up from Loimaa station, and transport you to LEKO (about 5km from Loimaa). When taking the bus, make sure to check where the departure and destination stations are located.

FROM TURKU (recommended)

You can take the bus from Turku (bus station) to Loimaa (station). You can look at schedules and buy tickets on the [Onnibus](#) or [Matkahuolto website](#).

FROM HELSINKI

You can take the bus from Helsinki to Loimaa. The bus will take you to Turku first, where you will transfer to another bus taking you to Loimaa.



DEPARTURE ON JULY 30th

The youth exchange will end in [Turku](#), the biggest city in Southwest Finland with a population of about 200 000. Participants will be accommodated in [Turku Hostel Linnasmäki](#) 29.-30.7. From Turku, it's convenient to travel back home, since there are ferries to e.g. Stockholm departing from the port of Turku. You can look at ferries on the [Viking_line](#) or [Tallink](#) websites.



PUBLIC TRANSPORT



LOIMAA & MUSTAJÄRVI CAMPING AREA

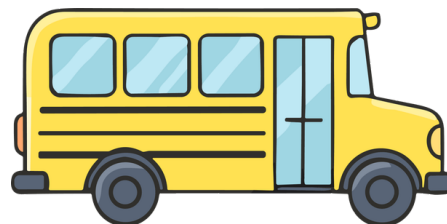


The youth exchange is organised in Loimaa (LEKO folk high school), Mustajärvi camping area and Turku. Loimaa and Mustajärvi are rural areas, and transportation to activities will be arranged. It's also possible to discover the area by **walking** and **cycling**.

TURKU

The public transport system in the city of **Turku** is called "**FÖLI**", and you can buy tickets with contactless payment directly in the bus (3,15 €/ticket) or with cash (4,50 €/ticket). Tickets are valid for 2 hours.

You can also purchase daily tickets for 8,30€. [Read more on their website!](#)



FÖLI
TURUN SEUDUN
JOUKKOLIIKENNE

Safe and Inclusive Environment

We are committed to providing a safe, respectful and inclusive environment for all participants.

During the **exchange**:

- **Discrimination, harassment** or any form of exclusion will **not** be tolerated
- Diversity will be **respected** and valued
- Participants will be **encouraged** to express themselves **freely**

Specific **measures** include:

- Designated contact persons for **support**
- Clear **group agreements** established at the beginning
- Continuous attention to participants' **well-being**





TIPS ON WHAT TO VISIT

For the first part of the youth exchange, participants will stay at LEKO folk high school, in the rural village Hirvikoski, about 5 km from Loimaa. After this, they will be transported to Mustajärvi camping area, where they will get a feel of Finnish nature and try out the sauna! The last destination is Turku city. We will arrange day trips and activities, but here are some examples of what to visit during your free time.

LOIMAA



Loimaa Jokiranta park

Relax in the heart of Loimaa at the riverbank!



Vesikoski Mill

Visit the historic mill and factory area dating back to 1888!



Loimaa Art House

Get to know Finnish culture by visiting the local art museum!

TURKU



Turku Castle

Visit the medieval castle!



Aura River

Enjoy the city like a local - bring some snacks and enjoy the day at the riverbank of Aura River.



Turku Cathedral

Visit Finland's only medieval basilica in the heart of the city.

SUSTAINABLE LIVING: FOOD



Meals will be provided for the full youth exchange, with mainly **sustainable vegetarian** food to align with our Green Deal goals.



Breakfast is served around 8:30-9:00

Lunch is served around 13:00-14:00

Dinner is served around 19:00-20:00

+ There will also be snacks available in between meals!



In **Turku**, you can visit some of these sustainable, plant-based restaurants:

Roots Kitchen

Address: Eerikinkatu 16, 20100 Turku

One of the most famous vegan restaurants in the popular Turku Market Hall.

Kasvisravintola Keidas

Address: Uudenmaankatu 3, 20500 Turku

Lovely spot for a vegan lunch.



Restaurant Kuori

Address: Hämeenkatu 8, 20500 Turku

Popular restaurant for local sustainable vegetarian lunch or dinner.



Be Part of the Experience

THIS INFO PACK IS JUST THE BEGINNING.

We invite you to:

Come with an open mind

Be ready to actively participate and play with us

Share your ideas and experiences

Embrace both challenges and opportunities



**This exchange is not something you attend
it is something you co-create.**



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