



**“Together, the cities of Helsinki, Espoo, Kauniainen, Vantaa and Lahti form a major test bed for new solutions. By combining the world’s best knowledge and skills, we can develop smart and clean solutions and produce successful export concepts and references for Finnish companies.”**

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## What is the Helsinki Metropolitan Smart & Clean Foundation?

- Together, we will transform the Helsinki Metropolitan Region into an area where business accelerates climate change mitigation. A world-class reference area will attract investments and create jobs and new low-carbon business.
- Key areas include transport and mobility, the built environment, energy, waste and water, and “consumer cleantech”, with digitisation and the circular economy as common denominators.
- The foundation will be developing 20 to 30 projects with significant impact and gathering existing Smart & Clean projects under a common umbrella.

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- The operational model of the non-profit, fixed-term (2016-2021) foundation is based on co-creation.
- Activities are funded through donations and grants.
- The foundation was set up by Sitra.
- The partners of the foundation are: the cities of the Helsinki Metropolitan Region – Helsinki, Espoo, Kauniainen and Vantaa – together with Lahti and the Helsinki Uusimaa Regional Council; the companies Caverion, Fortum, Gasum, Helen, Kone, Neste, St1, Vaisala and YIT; the research and education organisations Aalto University, Helsinki University, Lappeenranta University of Technology and VTT; and Sitra and the Finnish government.

