

UBC Planning & Sustainable Cities Commission meeting

Revitalizing urban space connected to the Sea

13–15 September 2023

Turku, Finland

Agenda

Tuesday, 12 September | Arrivals and get-together

19:00–22:00

Informal get-together and networking, Café Pegasus
(Itäinen Rantakatu 4, 20700 Turku / Aboa Vetus Ars Nova Museum)

Wednesday, 13 September | Opening day

Forum Marinum, Auditorium Ruuma, Linnankatu 72, 20100 Turku (white building)

Moderator: Agnieszka Ilola, Deputy Head of Secretariat, UBC Sustainable Cities Commission

08:30–09:00

Arrival at the event venue and registration

09:00–09:30

Welcome to the meeting

Paulina Szewczyk, Chair of Planning Cities Commission
Risto Veivo, Co-chair of Sustainable Cities Commission
Paula Kesikastari, Urban Planning Director, City of Turku

09:30–10:30

Keynote: Planning for regenerative urban futures

Susa Eräranta, Project Director,
City of Helsinki / Professor of Practice, Aalto University

10:30–11:00

Coffee break (room Messi)

11:00–12:00

Introduction to the city case, task areas and group work

Anna-Leena Jokitalo, Urban Planning Architect, City of Turku
Marie Nyman, Landscape Architect, City of Turku
Andrei Panschín, Master plan engineer, City of Turku
Paulina Szewczyk, Chair of Planning Cities Commission

12:00–13:00	Lunch at the Restaurant Göran (The restaurant is at the main venue – Forum Marinum (red brick building), first floor)
13:00–15:30	Guided tour to the task areas (bus transportation from Forum Marinum)
15:30–17:00	Guided tour at the <u>Luostarinmäki Handicrafts Museum</u> (Vartiovuorenkatu 2, Turku) <i>The tour includes a coffee break at Café Kisälli (15:30–16:00) – use this possibility to network with your group to prepare for the next day!</i>
15:30–17:30	UBC Sustainable Cities Commission Advisory Board meeting , Aurakatu 4, room 230 (only UBC SCC Advisory Board members!)
15:30–17:30	UBC Planning Cities Commission Steering Group Meeting , Café Kisälli (only UBC PCC Steering Group members!)
19:00	Reception at the Turku City Hall (Aurakatu 2, Turku) Welcoming words by Elina Rantanen, Deputy Mayor, 1st Vice-President of the Union of the Baltic Cities

Thursday, 14 September | Workshops

Forum Marinum, Meeting room Bryggan, Linnankatu 70, 20100 Turku (red brick building)

09:00–09:30	Lecture: Turku of the Future is a City of the Sea Timo Hintsanen, City Development Director, City of Turku
09:30–10:00	Turku's path to climate neutrality 2029 Risto Veivo, Climate Director, City of Turku
10:00–17:00	Group work <i>The group work includes:</i> <i>10:00–10:15: first coffee break at the Restaurant Göran</i> <i>12:30–13:30: lunch at the Restaurant Göran</i> <i>14:45–15:00: second coffee break</i>
19:00–00:00	Dinner at the Restaurant Kåren (Hämeenkatu 22, 20500 Turku)

Friday, 15 September | Day 3 – Wrap up

Forum Marinum, Auditorium Ruuma, Linnankatu 72, 20100 Turku

09:00–09:05

Welcome to Day 3

Anna-Leena Jokitalo, Urban Planning Architect, City of Turku

09:05–09:15

Welcome to the next UBC Planning Cities Commission seminar in Gdansk

09:15–10:00

Morning coffee and preparation of group work presentations

10:00–12:15

Group work presentations

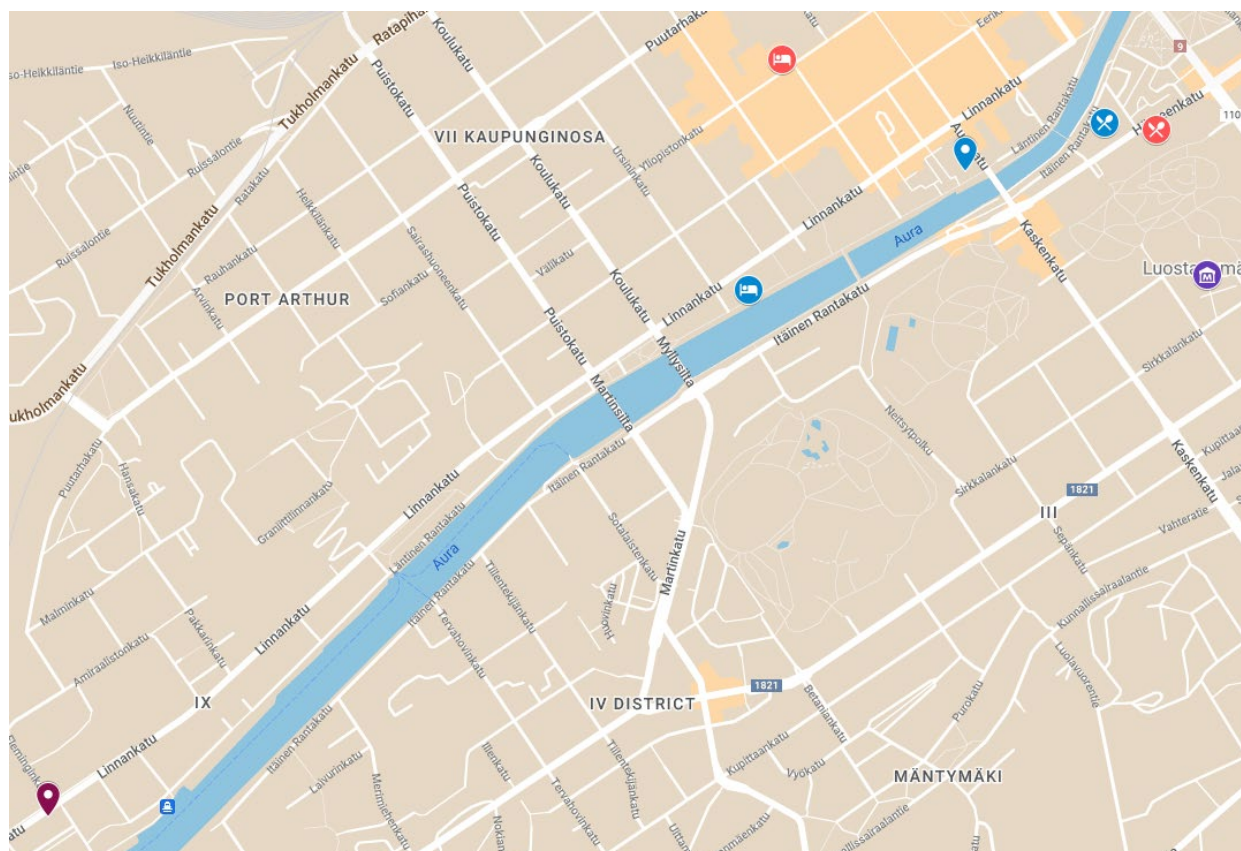
12:15–12:30

Conclusions and summary

Paulina Szewczyk, Chair of Planning Cities Commission
Paula Kesikastari, Urban Planning Director, City of Turku
Agnieszka Ilola, Deputy Head of Secretariat, UBC Sustainable Cities Commission



12:30–13:30

Lunch at the Restaurant Göran (in Forum Marinum)








Map Legend:

Accommodation:

-  **Radisson Blu Marina Palace Hotel**, Linnankatu 32, 20100 Turku
-  **Scandic Plaza Hotel**, Yliopistonkatu 29, 20100 Turku

Get together, Event and Dinner venues:

-  **Forum Marinum** (Main event venue), Linnankatu 72, 20100 Turku
-  **Cafe Pegasus** (Get-together venue 12.09), Itäinen Rantakatu 4, 20700 Turku
-  **Luostarinmäki** (Museum visit 13.09), Vartiovuorenkatu 2, 20101 Turku
-  **Turku City Hall** (Reception 13.09), Aurakatu 2, 20100 Turku
-  **Restaurant Kåren** (Dinner Venue 14.09), Hämeenkatu 22, 20500 Turku

Case of Turku and task areas

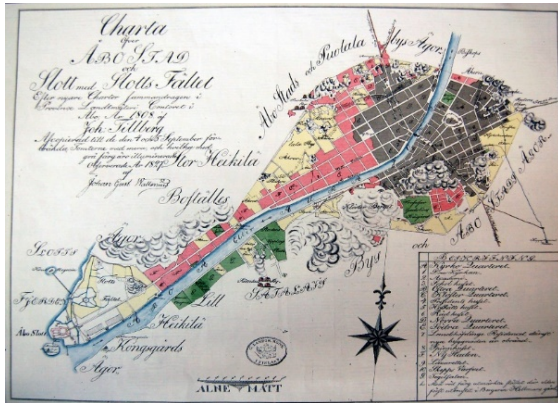
WELCOME TO TURKU

Turku is the oldest city in Finland and the country's first capital. It was founded at the mouth of the river Aura at the end of the 13th century. It is surrounded by the Archipelago of Turku and the Archipelago Sea which consists of over 40 000 islands and islets.

In 1827 the Great Fire of Turku almost completely destroyed the city. At the time of the fire, Turku was the largest city in Finland. The fire destroyed the historical downtown area of Turku, including the Turku Cathedral and the main building of the Imperial Academy of Turku. As a result of the fire, the Imperial Academy of Turku was transferred to Helsinki.

Architect Carl Ludvig Engel created the new city plan for Turku. Downtown Turku is still based on his grid plan. The Cathedral and the Academy were restored and some of the other buildings were rebuilt. The majority of the city, however, had to be completely rebuilt.





Map of Turku from 1827. The destruction of the fire in grey, preserved quarters in red.



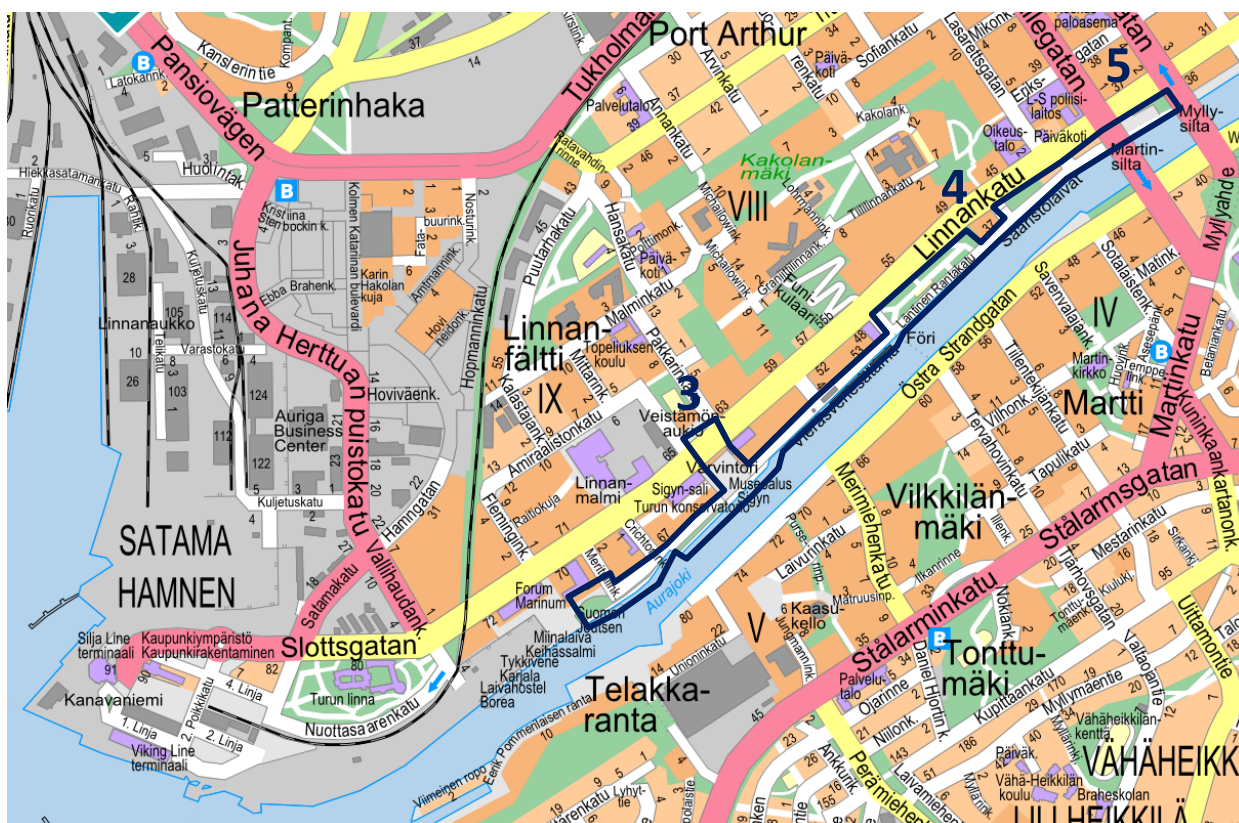
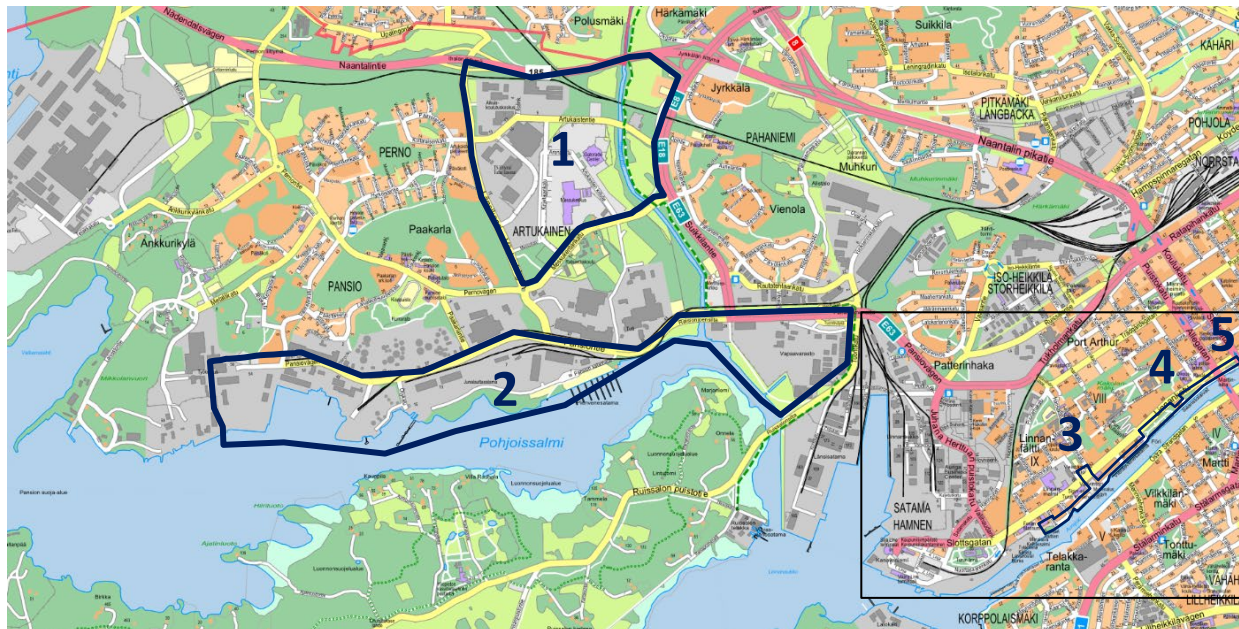
The Cloister Hill area, completely spared in the fire of 1827, was protected and opened as an open-air handicrafts' museum in 1940.



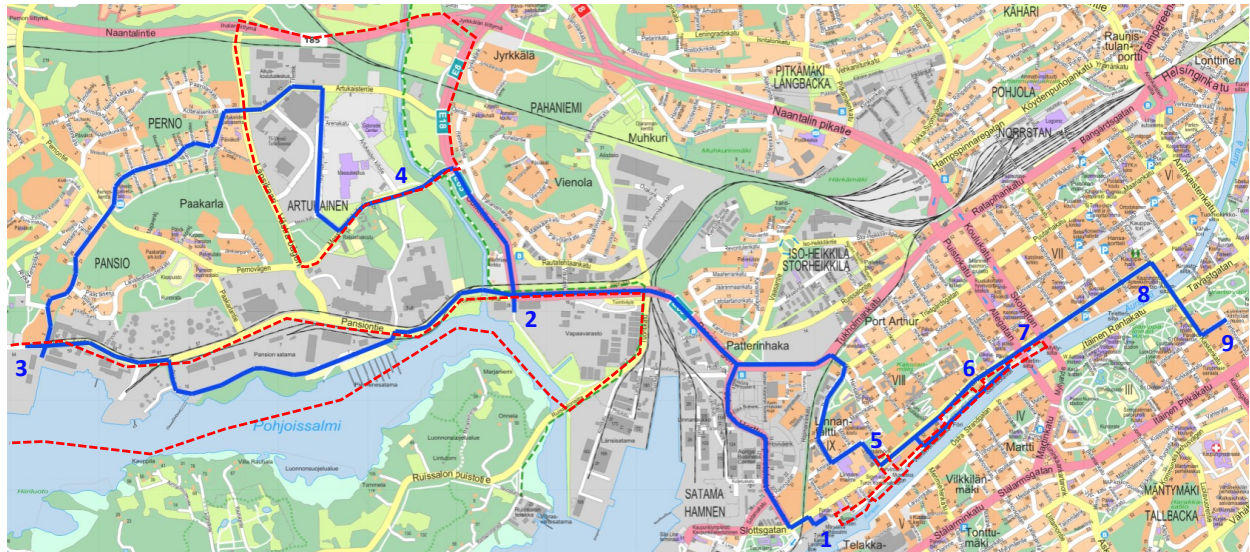
Turku Castle, established in the 1280's



Workshop areas



Bus tour programme



Bus tour

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| 1 | 13.00 Forum Marinum
<i>bus departure</i> | 4 | 14.05 Artukainen
<i>walking on site 25 min</i> | 6 | 15.15 Archipelago harbour & Borenaukio
<i>drive through</i> |
| 2 | 13.10 Vapaavarastonkatu
<i>drive through Pansion satamatie</i> | | 14.30 back in bus | 8 | Aurakatu 4
<i>SCC advisory board drop off</i> |
| 3 | 13.25 Pansio Latenportti
<i>walking on site 25 min</i> | 5 | 14.45 Veistämönaukio
<i>walking on site 25 min</i> | 9 | 15.30 Cafe Kisälli
<i>coffee break</i> |
| | 13.50 back in bus | | 15.10 back in bus | | 16.00 Luostarinmäki museum
<i>guided tour</i> |

Maritime Western Turku 2050

The City of Turku has a bold city strategy with the aim to be a strong international city of culture, with easy access to services, dynamic development and offering a meaningful life and sustainable lifestyle for its citizens. Internationality is part of its identity and the life of Turku residents.

As part of this strategy, a vision is being developed for the Western part of Turku, which is located close to the sea. This vision work will take into account the megatrends in the city in a very multidisciplinary way, from business life to culture, from people's lifestyle to mobility, tourism and how the area can respond to constantly changing social and environmental challenges.

The UBC Planning and Sustainable Cities Commission meeting will contribute significantly to this visioning work by including the perspective, ideas and feedback from international experts and specialists from all around the Baltic Sea. Together they will gather ideas and make suggestions that will feed into the city's work in the future for the development of this area.

WORKSHOP AREA 1

DEVELOPEMENT OF ARTUKAINEN

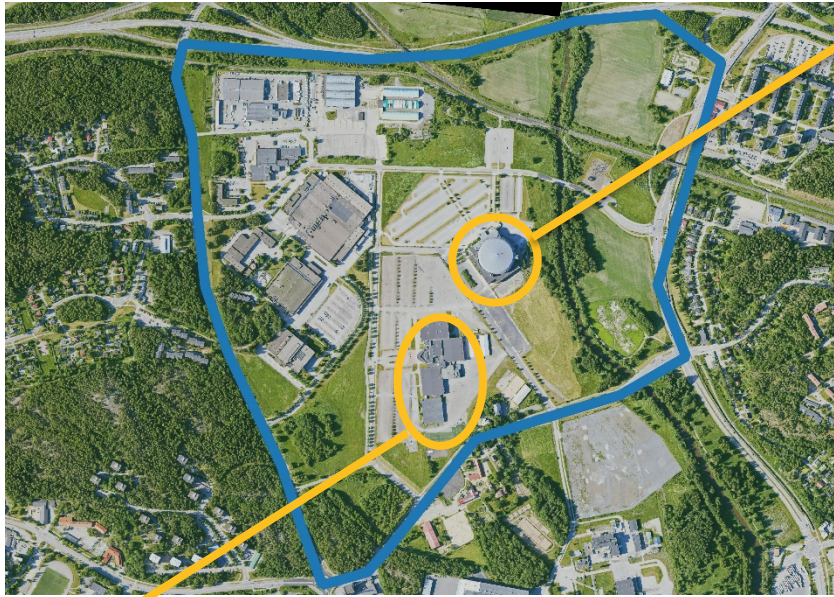
The workshop area is a part of the Artukainen district in western Turku. The area is located four kilometres from the city centre. The size of the area is about 110 hectares.

The area was an airport until 1965. Today, it is a part of a wider workplace zone. The landscape is mainly flat, and it is dominated especially by Turkuhalli – a multi-functional indoor arena, Turku Fair Center and large workplace buildings and extensive parking areas. The greenery of the area is centred around the Raisonjoki, which is an important riverside in terms of nature and landscape.

In the future, the aim is to create a versatile sports centre with a wide range of sports (ice sports, indoor football, gymnastics, etc.) around Turkuhalli and Turku Fair Center. How could the area develop, if the buildings remain in the area, or if they are torn down? How have similar arena buildings been re-used elsewhere in the world?

The area will remain mainly as a working area. Housing can be proposed, but it must remain in the minority. The main task is to combine sports activities, workplace functions and possible housing. How could the area be planned so that different functions can work closely together and offer a pleasant environment and quality services with good connections on foot, by bike, by public transport and by car?

Issues to consider: Development of the area, mixed land use, versatile sports activities, recreation, the greening of the area, prevention of segregation, connections to the city centre and waterfront



Turkuhalli

Turkuhalli was completed in 1990. The main purpose of the hall has been to act as an ice hockey arena. Large concerts have also been organized in the premises. The hall can accommodate around 10 000 people.



Turku Fair Center

Completed in 1989 The Fair Center has three large exhibition halls with a total of 12 000 m² of space. The building also has an auditorium with a capacity of 500 people.



WORKSHOP AREA 2

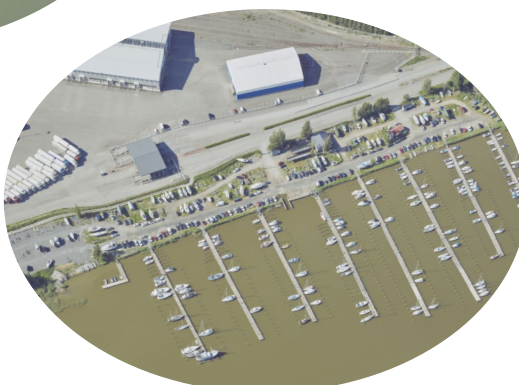
DEVELOPEMENT OF THE INDUSTRIAL WATERFRONT BETWEEN PANSIONTIE AND POHJOISSALMI

The workshop area is in western Turku. The size of the area is about 190 hectares.

Today, the area has port, logistics and industrial functions. On the northern edge of the area, there is a train track that serves the area's functions. The residential area of Pansio-Perno is located on the north side of the area. To the south of the area, on the other side of Pohjoissalmi, there is Ruissalo Island, which is for the most part a nature reserve and an important recreation area.

What could the area offer to people in 2050s if the port and industry were to leave? The task is to form a new maritime district for living, working and recreation. You also need to create an attractive access to the seaside for the current residents of western Turku.

Issues to consider: development of the area, recreation, greening of the area, public waterfront, connection to the seaside, prevention of segregation, temporary use



WORKSHOP AREAS 3-5

DEVELOPEMENT OF THE WESTERN RIVERSIDE (LÄNTINEN RANTAKATU)

The workshops focus on the areas 3-5 that are located on the same part of the Aurajoki western riverside.

The Aurajoki riverside is a popular leisure area around the year. The part of the riverside from the bridge Martinsilta towards the harbour is known for the industrial history, but the area has gone through a significant change since the 1990s that is still on-going (f.eg. new housing areas, Forum marinum maritime museum, restaurants, outdoor event venues, art installations, boat connections to the archipelago).

This part of the riverside has a great potential for development in regards of walkability and places for leisure: greening, places to stop and rest, activities and lighting. In the future the aim is to develop high-quality cycling lanes on the adjacent Linnankatu -street and provide more room for pedestrians on the riverside walk and lessen conflicts between fast cyclists and pedestrians.

Issues to consider: development of the area, activities and functions, recreation, area for walking and leisure, places for all people/ different groups of recipients, greening of the area

3. Veistämönaukio and Varvintori (two connected squares)

The development of Varvintori and Veistämönaukio squares from functional perspective. The role of Veistämönaukio has changed since WTC moved. Possibly as a place for pop up winter activities.



4. Archipelago boat harbour

Riverside area from where several boat companies start towards the archipelago. The area needs development from an operational and services perspective as well as developing the pedestrian routes and re-organizing/reducing parking.



5. Borenaukio (square)

A historical square that is currently mostly used for parking. The traffic noise from the main streets on three sides of the square is a challenge.

