

International Achievements 2017

September 2017

Helsinki's city reputation continues to be strong

The reputations of different cities were mapped in the “City RepTrak – The World’s Most Reputable Cities 2017” comparison published by Reputation Institute on 28 September 2017. In the comparison, Helsinki ranked 16th out of 56 cities.

Based on the survey, the reputation of Helsinki is strong among those who know the city, but the city recognition as a whole can still afford to be bumped up.

The research method used was an online questionnaire about city perceptions. About 23,000 consumers in the leading industrial G8 countries participated in the survey. The surveyed dimensions were Advanced Economy, Effective Government and Appealing Environment. The recipients were asked about for instance their views on beauty, safety and business friendliness in the surveyed cities.

August 2017

Helsinki among top 10 finalist for European Innovation Capital Award

Helsinki is one of ten finalist for the European Innovation Capital (iCapital) Award. iCapital is a competition held roughly biennially by the European Commission for the purpose of finding the best urban innovation ecosystems in Europe.

Helsinki profiles itself as an innovation city through innovation platforms of its own such as Smart Kalasatama and experiments with artificial intelligence in road traffic. Other collaboration networks and cooperation projects, too, such as Smart & Clean, the Kaupunkiakatemia City Academy, Helsinki Think Company, Health Capital Helsinki and Merit, bear witness of the city’s strong innovation ecosystem. Graphic design is also something that Helsinki uses cross-sectionally and efficiently, and the city harbours a strong culture of creative commons and business start-ups.

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University of Helsinki is the 56th best in the world

The University of Helsinki repeated its record ranking from last year, retaining its 56th position in the Academic Ranking of World Universities issued by ShanghaiRanking. The University maintains its goal to rank among the top 50 universities in the world.

Among Nordic universities, the University of Helsinki ranked third.

There are approximately 17,000 universities in the world. The top 800 of the Shanghai ranking featured 29 Nordic universities: 11 from Sweden, seven from Finland, six from Denmark, four from Norway and one university from Iceland.

More information: [ShanghaiRanking](#)

Helsinki in 9th place in liveability comparison

Helsinki reached ninth place in The Global Liveability Report 2017 by The Economist. A total of 140 cities from around the world were compared.

Helsinki kept its position from last year, making it the only Nordic country ranked in the top ten.

Over 30 factors were compared, including stability, infrastructure, education, healthcare as well as culture and environment.

More information: [The Global Liveability Report 2017](#)

June 2017

Helsinki climbs to 15th spot in UIA rankings of congress cities

Helsinki climbed to the 15th place in The Union of International Associations (UIA) annual congress city statistics. Helsinki is now the most popular city for international association meetings in the Nordic region.

The latest statistics published by UIA cover congress events held in 2016. Accordingly, 286 international association meetings attended by 60,790 congress visitors were held last year in Helsinki. These congresses generated almost EUR 115 million in tourism income for the Finnish capital.

More information: [International Meetings Statistics Report](#)

March 2017

Helsinki Airport named the world's best airport

Online travel agency eDreams/Travellink has published a list of the best airports around the globe, with Helsinki Airport coming out on top.

The listing was based on more than 65 000 reviews submitted by eDreams customers during 2016.

According to the site, Helsinki Airport received the highest score this year, "thanks to the efficiency of security checks, the optimal cleaning standards and the top-notch services provided to the passengers."

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Helsinki places sixth in a Financial Times European city ranking

Helsinki sails to sixth place in a ranking of the best European cities by the Financial Times' fDi Intelligence unit.

The unit produces the European Cities and Regions of the Future report, which assesses cities and regions in terms of their potential to attract foreign direct investment (FDI).

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The University of Helsinki placed 56th in the Shanghai ranking of world universities

The University of Helsinki placed as the 56th best university in the world in the Shanghai ranking.

This represents the University's best-ever result on the internationally most acclaimed ranking list, and an improvement of 11 positions from the previous year.

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Helsinki one of the cleanest capital cities on Earth

The Telegraph has published a list of the top 10 cleanest capital cities in the world, with Helsinki coming in eighth place.

Helsinki's enthusiasm for pedal power helped it achieve a high ranking. According to the article, "The city now has 2 400 odd miles of cycle lanes, which have been enthusiastically embraced by locals."

The Telegraph also noted Helsinki's ambitious plan to make motor vehicle ownership obsolete by 2025.

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University of Helsinki among the world's top 100 in 24 fields

This year, The QS World University Rankings covered 46 subjects, and the University of Helsinki provides teaching in 33 of them. The University of Helsinki now ranked among the top 100 in 24 subjects, one more than last year. This year, the University's ranking for six subjects rose, 17 remained the same as last year and 10 fell.

The QS World University Rankings includes 1,127 universities from among the world's 18,000 in total.

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February 2017

Finland is the best country for raising a family

A survey by InterNations, the world's largest network for people who live and work abroad, rated 43 different aspects of life abroad on a scale of 1-7. Finland came top because no expat parent had anything negative to say about their children's health, children's safety, or children's well-being in Finland. 70% of expats said the quality of education there is excellent, this is compared to the global average of just 21%.

Expats rated everything from childcare and education, to children's health and safety.
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January 2017

Helsinki third in the Global City Talent Competitiveness Index

Helsinki made it to the third spot in the Global City Talent Competitiveness Index. In the country ranking of the same report, the Global Talent Competitiveness Index 2017, Finland was ranked ninth.

The Global Talent Competitiveness Index (GTCI) is a benchmarking report measuring the ability of countries to compete for talent. It ranks 118 countries based their ability to grow, attract and retain talent. The annual report was launched for the first time in 2013. The city-focused index was published for the first time this year.

This year, GTCI focuses on how technology affects talent competitiveness and the nature of work. Finland is ranked best in formal education, vocational enrolment, social mobility, environmental performance, employability, ease of finding employees and availability of scientists and engineers.
[The Global City Talent Competitiveness Index 2017](#)

Finland 3rd among the least corrupted countries of the world

Finland was ranked third in Transparency International's corruption index. Transparency International is a global civil society organization fighting against corruption.
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