

Finland Project Management Roundup

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INTRODUCTION

This roundup continues the coverage of Project Professionals Finland, PMI Finland Chapter and some of the key projects currently going on in Finland.

PROJECT PROFESSIONALS FINLAND

Project Professionals Finland (PPF) is a not-for-profit organization, and the International Project Management Association (IPMA) Member Association (MA) in Finland.



Founded in 1978, PPF promotes the interaction, project-oriented thinking, and exchange and development of practical and theoretical knowledge among project management professionals with over 4000 individual and 200 organizational members. PPF organizes two annual conferences: *Projektipäivät* in late fall and *3PMO* in early summer.

The 2026 3PMO event took place on 4.6.2026 at Tampere Sokos hotel conference center *Tornin Paja*, with the theme *The value of PMO in the balance !* Projektipäivät will take place on 20 ... 21.10.2026 at the *Messukeskus* convention center in Helsinki with the theme *Back to the Future >>> The future of project world ?* Please navigate to www.pry.fi/en for general information on PPF, and to www.pry.fi/en/events for further information on PPF events.

PMI FINLAND CHAPTER

PMI Finland Chapter is a not-for-profit organization providing project practitioners in Finland continuous learning, networking and community support. The Chapter was founded in 2005. Today, with over 500 members, the chapter is increasingly recognized as a community where its members can enhance their project management and leadership skills, as well as network with other project management professionals.



PMI Finland Chapter hosts a number of events such as Breakfast Round Tables, regular meetings taking place once a month in Helsinki and occasionally also in other locations. The chapter members have the opportunity to attend events for free or with a discount and the chapter sends its members a regular newsletter with localized content on project management. Additionally, the Chapter supports its members in their professional development and training.

The PMI Finland Chapter 2026 annual conference took place on Thursday, 8 October 2026 in Helsinki, with the theme *What does Future-Fit Project Leadership mean in practice ?*

Please navigate to <https://pmi-fi.org/> for general information on the PMI Finland Chapter, and to <https://pmi-fi.org/2026-annual-conference> for further information on the 2026 conference.

KRUUNUSILLAT

The Kruunusillat project is proceeding with the construction of a string of bridges to traverse *Kruunuvuorenselkä*, a waterway east of the Helsinki downtown area, and to establish a new tram line to connect the *Laajasalo*, *Korkeasaari* and *Kalasatama* areas to the downtown area by means of 10 km light rail line. The project comprises a combination of fixed-priced and alliance contracts with a range of contractors.



The last new bridge in the sequence of three bridges – *Kruunuvuorensilta* – was opened to pedestrian and bicycle traffic on 18th April 2026. The Kruunuvuorensilta bridge will be closed on specific days in August, as it is being load tested using trucks filled with specific amounts of sand and gravel. Load testing is a normal part of all bridge building – the intention is to ensure the bridge performs as expected under heavy loading. Public tram traffic to the Laajasalo district will commence in early 2027.

The project has been implemented in two phases: The first phase included the main construction works, including the bridges, at an estimated cost of 326 M€. The second phase includes extending the tram tracks to the Helsinki Central Railway Station at an estimated cost of 10 M€. Other project costs, such as a new rolling stock and a new tram depot, are estimated at 214 M€, bringing the total cost to 550 M€. The alliance way of working adds to the challenge of creating an exact cost estimate for the project.

Kruunusillat project implementation is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2026. The new tram lines are estimated to commence operations in 2027.



Load testing of Kruunuvuorensilta bridge (photo courtesy Rio Gandara / HS)

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