NORDROCS 2026

10th Joint Nordic Meeting on Remediation of Contaminated Sites

Final Call for Abstracts

Due

February 6, 2026

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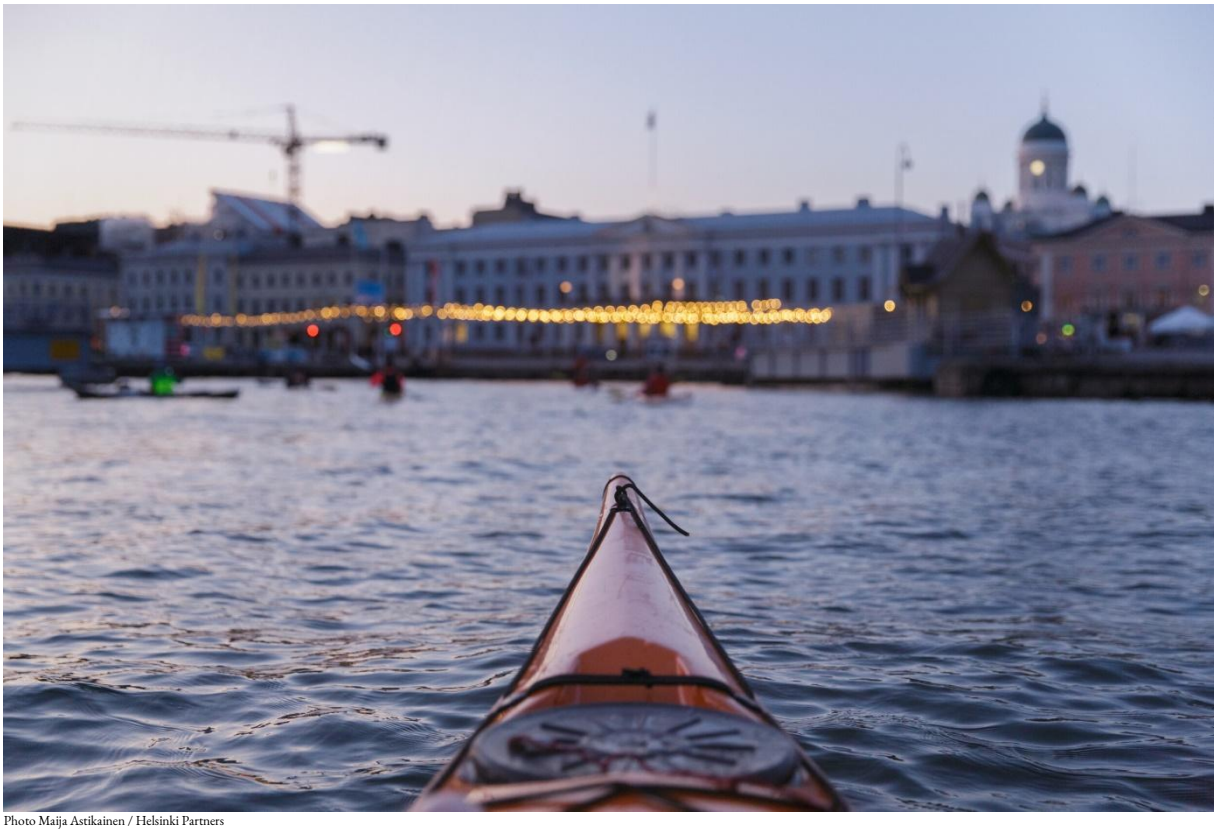

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The Nordic countries invite you to NORDROCS 2026, the 10th joint Nordic Meeting on Remediation of Contaminated Sites in Helsinki, Finland on September 14th – 17th, 2026

After nine successful NORDROCS conferences we look forward to welcoming you again – this time in Finland.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the NORDROCS conferences is to address issues on contaminated land and sediments in the context of Nordic conditions. These include sustainable land management, different acceptance criteria and future threats. The meeting intends to provide a forum for the exchange of information gathered through research and project experience.

Target groups include scientists, regulators, consultants, contractors and other professionals working with contaminated sites and sediments in Nordic countries, countries in Northern Europe and around the Baltic Sea.

We encourage young professionals to actively participate in the international exchange of knowledge and experience through networking opportunities. Nordrocs aims to be an inclusive platform for all those interested in soil and groundwater remediation, fostering an environment characterized by friendliness, openness, and collaboration.

ABSTRACT AND PAPER SUBMISSION

We welcome abstracts in English on conference topics by February 6st, 2026 at 12:00 noon GMT. Abstracts will be assessed by the Review Committee. More information on submission of abstracts can be found on the conference web page: www.nordrocs.org.

Oral and poster presentations will be selected based on the Review Committee's recommendations.

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CONFERENCE TOPICS

A: SOIL, ROCK AND GROUNDWATER

1. New methods for site investigation
2. Risk assessment
3. Acceptance criteria
4. Remediation
5. Sustainability
6. Mega sites
7. Mining, mine waste and mine monitoring
8. Other topics

B: SEDIMENT AND SURFACE WATER

1. New methods for site investigation
2. Risk assessment
3. Acceptance criteria
4. Remediation
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C: INDOOR AIR

1. New methods for site investigation
2. Risk assessment
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D: MANAGEMENT, ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY

1. Soil health law

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2. **Land stewardship**
3. **Digital tools and solutions for visualization**
4. **Communication and stakeholder involvement**
5. **Organization and procurement**
6. **Communicating health risks**

E: SUSTAINABLE LAND MANAGEMENT

1. **Prioritization – investigations**
2. **Prioritization – remediation**
3. **Dealing with uncertainty in risk assessment**
4. **Choosing the right remediation technique**
5. **Management of excavated soil**
6. **Landfills**
7. **Reuse**
8. **Biodiversity**
9. **Circular economy**

F: FUTURE THREATS AND POSSIBILITIES

1. **Climate change**
2. **Diffuse contamination**
3. **Emerging contaminants**
4. **AI utilization in remediation**
5. **Contaminants in humans**

SHORT COURSE

A dynamic short course or hands-on workshop is currently under consideration for September 14th 2026, in connection with the conference. Designed to deepen your expertise, spark innovation, and foster collaboration, this event promises to be a valuable addition. Interested in organizing or learning more? Let us know—your input could help make it happen!

Suggestions for themes or topics are most welcome, from which tentatively 2 – 4 suitable suggestions will be selected. The organizing committee welcomes companies, organizations and other stakeholders to suggest short courses which can be facilitated through the conference registration. The NORDROCS 2026 conference will not cover costs spent on preparations for the short courses.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FOR ORAL AND POSTER PRESENTATION

Oral presentations will be 20 minutes, including 3 minutes for questions. Please visit the website for entering the submission platform. When submitting your abstract, please copy your text into the template provided. Scientific posters will be on display during all conference days. Time for discussions between poster presenters and the audience will be provided during a poster session. There will be a "Best Poster Award" for the 3 best posters at the conference.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

MUTKU, Finland: Aura Nousiainen, (Sitowise), Nina Lehtosalo (Ministerial adviser)
Nätverket Renare Mark, Sweden : Carolina Ersson, (Statens Geotekniska Institut), Madeléne Lilljequist (Structor Miljö Öst)
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FUMIS, Iceland: Erla Guðrún Hafsteinsdóttir (Verkis Consulting Engineers), Kristin Kröyer (Environmental and energy agency) UOS)

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EXHIBITION

For companies interested in presenting their activities at NORDROCS 2026 an exhibition area has been reserved. The price for a stand in the exhibition area is (€ 800 excluding VAT) plus participation fee for (minimum) one person. This area is also used for coffee breaks etc. and provides the exhibitors with an excellent opportunity to present their activities, products and/or other news to the delegates. It is also possible to sign up for a Sponsorship package deal for (€ 2 500 excluding VAT). which includes sponsorship, exhibition stand and participation fee for one person. More information under the section sponsorships below.

SOCIAL PROGRAM

An informal get together (the welcoming reception) in the evening on September 14th 2026 will be in the City Hall of Helsinki. More information will follow.

The conference dinner will take place at Restaurant Börs in the evening on September 15th 2026. More information will follow.

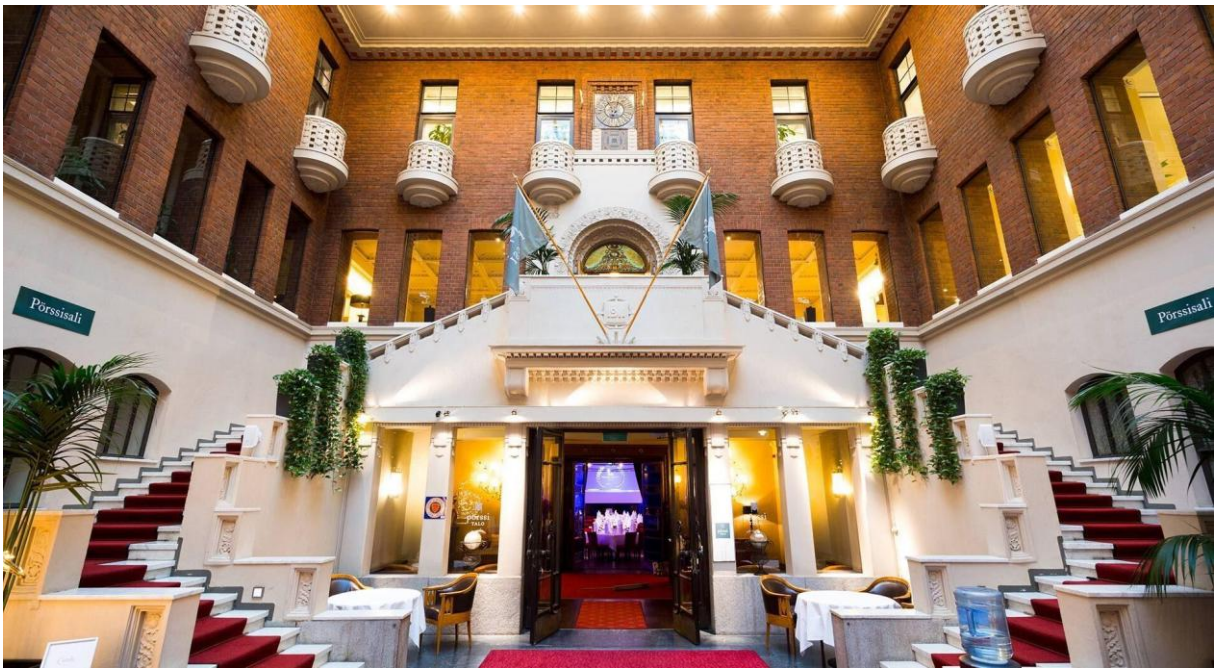

Photo: Restaurant Pörssi

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EXCURSION

You are invited to join our excursion on September 17th. More information will follow.

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REGISTRATION AND FEES

Registration will open in February 2026.
The "Early Bird" conference fee is € 750 (excluding VAT) if you register before April 6th, 2026.
After May 3rd the fee will be € 850 (excluding VAT).

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

Students and professionals who have less than three years of professional experience from the field have an opportunity to apply for a limited number of half price tickets.

SPONSORSHIPS

Sponsorships are most welcome – min. € 1 500 (excluding VAT). Sponsor logos will be presented on the web page, on the calls for abstracts, on the main screens during breaks and printed in the conference program/compendium.
Package deal, which include sponsorship, exhibition stand and participation fee for one person, will be available at €2 500 (excluding VAT). Please contact conference secretariat at Reed&MacKay, conference.se@reedmackay.com att. Ulrica Edström.

LOCATION

Conference Venue is: Finlandia-talo, Helsinki. See more information regarding accommodation at www.nordrocs.org
Finlandia-talo is located within ten minutes walk from Helsinki Central Station and 30 minutes by train from Helsinki Airport.

We look forward to exciting days in Helsinki

NORDROCS-webpage: www.nordrocs.org
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