ESIN & CE4EUI HOUTSKÄR 2026

Houtskär, Finland | 22–25 September 2026

Tuesday 22 September

19:00 | Welcome Dinner

An informal welcome dinner for all participants.

Evening | Local Pub Gathering

Beer and conversation at the local pub **Sybarit**.

Wednesday 23 September

08:00–09:30 | Breakfast

10:00–17:00 | CE4EUI Workshop

Sustainable Tourism on Small Islands

A full-day workshop exploring opportunities, challenges, and innovative approaches to sustainable tourism in European island communities.

17:15 | Optional Guided Walk with Ulla Mattsson-Wiklén

Led by local guide **Ulla Mattsson-Wiklén**, this optional walk offers stories and insights into life in the archipelago.

19:00 | Dinner

- Crayfish and traditional snaps
- Optional treats brought from participating countries

21:00 | Sauna Experience a traditional Finnish sauna.

Thursday 24 September

08:00 | Breakfast

09:00 | Bus Departure from Campsite

Joint Site Visit to Houtskär

Hosted by **Magnus Sundman**

Participants will visit several key local destinations, including:

- The local volunteer fire brigade (FBK) and rescue boat
- Houtskär village school
- The historic grocery store museum in Björk

At the school, participants will meet students and staff for an exchange of experiences and ideas related to sustainability, island life, and the future of archipelago communities.

12:00 | Lunch at Sybarit

A shared lunch followed by a short walk back to the venue.

13:00 | CE4EUI Closing & Return to Campsite

13:00 | ESIN Historical Perspective

A short reflection on ESIN's journey and development.

13:15 | Island Matters in Finland

An overview of current challenges, policy priorities, and opportunities for strengthening the vitality, accessibility, and sustainability of Finland's island regions.

13:45 | The Road Ahead: Future Directions for the EU Island Strategy

This session explores future priorities for the EU Island Strategy and the role of island communities in shaping European policy.

Topics include:

- Emerging policy needs
- Island resilience and sustainability
- Strengthening cooperation across Europe
- Future advocacy priorities

Moderator: Ivan

15:00 | Coffee Break

15:30 | ESIN Strategy Workshop

Discussion on ESIN's future direction, priorities, and strategic development.

17:00 | Programme Ends

18:30 | Festive Dinner & Live Music

A celebratory evening with local food, music, and networking.

Friday 25 September

08:00–09:30 | Breakfast

09:30 | ESIN Annual General Meeting

11:30 | Lunch

Option A: Korposström

12:30 | Visit to Korposström

- Presentation of the Archipelago Centre
- Guided visit and networking

16:00 | Commuter Bus to Turku

Option B: Direct Return to Turku

14:10 | Commuter Bus from Houtskär

17:30 | Arrival in Turku

Option C: Korposström & Utö Extension

12:30 | Visit to Korposström

- Presentation of the Archipelago Centre
- Guided visit

16:00 | Transfer towards Pärnäs

18:15 | Ferry Departure to Utö

Continue the weekend in Finland's outermost inhabited archipelago, with accommodation and programme on Utö from 25–27 September.

"Island communities may be small in size, but they are large in resilience, culture, and innovation."