

Study Visit Helsinki in the Framework of the A2B Initiative



Venues:

- 9 June 2010: Mäkelänrinne Swimming Center, Mäkelänkatu 47
- 10 June 2010: The Sports Museum of Finland, Olympic Stadium

Mäkelänrinne Swimming Center, 9 June 2010, 13:00-18:30

13:00

- **Light Lunch**

13:30-13:45

- **Welcome and Opening**

NOC Finland

Folker Hellmund - Director, EOC EU Office

Michael Trinker - A2B Project Manager, EOC EU Office

13:45

- **Mäkelänrinne Elite Sport High School: How to Combine Sport and Studies - Best Practices from Grass Root Level**

Ms. Anne Mäki - Vice Principal

- **Group Discussion**

15:00

- **A European Perspective**

Mr. Hannu Takkula - Member of the European Parliament

- **Group Discussion**

- **Coffee Break**

16:15

- **The Finnish Sport Academy System**

Mr. Asko Härkönen - Development Director, NOC of Finland

Ms. Tuuli Merikoski - Manager for Athletes' Study and Career Planning, NOC Finland

- **Sport Academy of the Metropolitan Area and Sport Academy of Turku Region - Best Practices**

Mr. Simo Tarvonen - Vice Principal

Mr. Juha Dahlström - Elite Sports Coordinator

Mr. Markus Kalmari - Principal

Athletes

18:30

- **Closing of Day 1**



The Sports Museum of Finland, Olympic Stadium, 10 June 2010, 08:00 – 17:00

08:00-09:00

- **Visit to Swimming Training Session**
(Swimming Stadium is next to the Olympic Stadium)

09:30

- **Role of the Coach in Supporting an Athlete's Dual Career**
Mr. Mika Kekäläinen - Head Coach of the Swimming Training Center in Helsinki
- **Group Discussion**

10:30

Athlete Career Program in Finland

Mr. Tommi Törmälä - CEO, Adecco Finland

Ms. Tuuli Merikoski - NOC Finland

Ms. Jenni Mikkonen - Olympic kayaker, student in Technical University of Tampere

- **Group Discussion**
- **Visit to Tower of the Olympic Stadium and Lunch**

12:30

- **Co-operation between Ice Hockey Association, Ice Hockey League and Players Association in Supporting Players' Study and Career Planning**
Mr. Juha Mäki-Kokkila, Players' Study Coordinator, Finnish Ice Hockey Association
- **Group Discussion**

13.45

- **Video Broadcasting as Practical Tool in Distance Learning**
Mr. Jukka Sormunen - Principal of Elite Sport School in Kuopio
- **Coffee Break and Short Visit to Olympic Museum**

15:15

- **Sport Organisations' Role in Supporting Dual Career**
*Ms. Susanna Rahkamo-Kokko - President of the Finnish Figure Skating Association/
Board Member of Finnish Olympic Committee*
- **Group Discussion**

16:30

- **Summary and Closing of the Study Visit**
- **Coffee**

Evening Activities on Day 1

- **19:30: Cross Country Skiing in Ylläs-Halli; Common Dinner (dress code casual)**

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