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Invitation to NJS Seminar

Project Companies in Finland – a new way to speed up the planning process

NJS – Forum of Nordic Railway Professionals is proudly inviting to a seminar on Monday, November 4th at 15h30–17h00 EET / 14h30–16h00 CET, about three project companies in Finland. The work with planning for new railway projects incl. all necessary permits often take many years. In Finland, a different way of making this process more efficient is being tried with the so-called project company responsible for carrying out the planning before the projects can start to be built. The following projects are being prepared through project companies:

- The West Railway Ltd: the new railway infrastructure related to the Turku-Helsinki high-speed rail connection.
- The Airport Line Ltd: the rail link between Pasila and Kerava via Helsinki Airport.
- The East Railway Ltd: the railway infrastructure related to the Airport line–Porvoo–Kouvola high-speed rail connection.

Senior Specialist Mikko Jääskeläinen will give a background and the purpose of the project companies, as well as the ownership and funding structure of the companies. The managing directors will present each of the project companies as wells as their planning tasks.

Time

Monday, November 4th at 15h30–17h00 EET (Finland), 14h30-16h00 CET (Denmark, Norway, Sweden).

Venue

Webinar via Teams-connection

You will receive a link by e-mail for connection to the webinar on the same day as the webinar.

Registration

Last day for registration is November 4th at 12h00.

Link to registration form: [Registration Form](#)

Registration can also be made at NJS web site: [njs.one](#)

Fee

No fee for attending the seminar.

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Agenda

15h30 EET / 14h30 CET

Welcome and Introduction

– Arja Aalto, chairman, NJS Finland

- **Project companies in Finland – background and purpose**

– Mikko Jääskeläinen, Senior Specialist, Ministry of Transport and Communications

- **West Railway Ltd**

– Pekka Ottavainen, Managing Director

- **Airport Line Ltd**

– Janne Salonen, CEO

- **East Railway Ltd**

– Petteri Portaankorva, CEO

- **Questions and answers**

17h00 EET / 16h00 CET

End of the Event