

# EUROPAN 6 – JYVÄSKYLÄ-AINOLANRANTA – SUOMI/FINLAND

**Location:** Jyväskylä, Ainolanranta

**Population:** 80,000 inhab.

**Study area:** 5 ha || **Site area:** 3.5 ha



## CONURBATION

Jyväskylä, founded in 1837, borders onto Lake Jyväsjärvi, about 270 kilometres north of Helsinki. It houses a university, and is currently one of Finland's five fastest growing cities, with an annual population increase of around a thousand. Some 75% of employment is in the service sector, the remaining 25% in manufacturing. Jyväskylä is also the city where architect Alvar Aalto spent his schooldays. He designed several buildings in the city; and there is an Alvar Aalto museum. Indeed much of the city's success lies in the emphasis it puts on architecture and town planning.

## SITE

The site is located south of Lake Jyväsjärvi at Ainolanranta, between two bridges, Kuokkalansilta to the east, and the light Ylistö bridge to the west. The Ainolanranta housing area is fast spreading towards the university and business district on the south-west shore of Lake Jyväsjärvi. The site connects the Ainola centre with the lake shore and university areas.

## FUNCTIONAL ISSUES

The town plan provides for housing only in the eastern part of the site, while the western part is to have a mix of housing, shops, and offices. Between these parts an area has been designated as a public park, linking the competition site to a planned beach.



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### SOCIAL ISSUES

Proposals should consider the position of the site between the university and the fast growing Ainolanranta centre, and connect the site with the beach and green zone along the shore. Short distances in the area favour the use bicycles, which many people use even in the winter.

### PERCEPTUAL ISSUES

Pathways have been planned through the park and along the shore. The study area includes the lakeside park and the beach.



### PROGRAMME

The site should accommodate 9 000 m<sup>2</sup> to 14 000 m<sup>2</sup> of new housing, with flats of between 60 m<sup>2</sup> to 130 m<sup>2</sup>. The western part of the site is designated for 4 000 m<sup>2</sup> to 6 000 m<sup>2</sup> of housing, shops and offices. The main principles of the town plan should serve as a guideline.

### THEME

Best categorised as “disused land”, the site has strategic significance between two bridges to the city centre, connecting the university and technology park with the Ainolanranta centre. It also connects areas south of the Jyväsjärvi lake with the beach and adjoining green areas.