

Night of Ideas #1

How local power can imagine sustainable solutions to global issues?

What can local powers do in terms of sustainable transition? Which sustainable solutions can a municipality imagine to reduce its ecological footprint? Marie-Monique Robin's documentary "Qu'est-ce qu'on attend" (What are we waiting for ?) offers answers to these questions by showing the example of Ungersheim, a 2200 inhabitant town in Alsace which has been multiplying initiatives in terms of food, energy, transports, work, money, accommodation and education, with the aim to increase its food and energy autonomy.

A panel discussion involving French and Finnish officials, who will be able to showcase the measures that have been implemented in their respective municipalities and worldwide will take place for an hour before the screening.

This event will be opened by Under-Secretary of State in charge of Development at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Mrs Elina KALKKU

Where: Helsinki City Hall, Pohjoisesplanadi 11-13

When: January 25th 2018, **13:00**-14:00 (panel discussion) + 14:00-**16:00** (documentary screening)

Language: English

Registration: free of charge, at <https://ndi2018-1.eventbrite.fr>

This event will be streamed live thanks to the support of Metropolia University. You can follow it online at www.france.fi/ndi and share ideas on Twitter with #NDIHelsinki18.

Speakers:

Anni SINNEMÄKI, Deputy Mayor of Helsinki



Ms. Anni Milja Maaria Sinnemäki was born 20 July, 1973 in Helsinki. In December 2014 Ms. Sinnemäki was appointed as the Deputy Mayor for the City of Helsinki, responsible for City Planning and Real Estate. Since June 2017 she is in charge of Helsinki's Urban Environment Division, which includes City Planning and Real Estate. She was Member of Parliament for 15 years, representing The Green League of Finland (1999 to 2015). Ms. Sinnemäki was Member in the Council of State as Minister of Labour from 2009 to 2011 i.e. 2 years. She has been Member of the City Council since 2005. She has published two collections of poems "Sokeana hetkenä" (2003) and "Aleksis Kiven katu" (2009) and she also wrote lyrics for albums by Ultra Bra group. Ms. Sinnemäki holds a degree from the University of Helsinki, 2001, Faculty of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, her main subject was Russian literature.

Hannele POKKA, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of the Environment, Finland



Hannele Pokka holds a doctoral degree in environmental law. She is an honorary doctor of environment and forestry at the University of Eastern Finland (previously, University of Joensuu). Hannele Pokka serves as Permanent Secretary for the Ministry of the Environment. She is the highest-ranking public servant within the Ministry. Ms Pokka is also Docent of Environmental Law at the University of Lapland. Previously, she has served as governor of the Province of Lapland and the Minister of Justice. From 1979 to 1994, Ms Pokka was a Member of Parliament. She has special interest and expertise in Arctic issues and has held the position, for example, of chair of the Barents Regional Council and the Northern Forum.

Ronan DANTEC, Senator of Loire-Atlantique, France



Elected to the French Senate for the Loire-Atlantique region in September 2011, Ronan Dantec is Vice President of the Sustainable Development, Infrastructures, Utilities and Land Planning Commission. Furthermore, Ronan Dantec is the spokesman for the international organization 'United Cities and Local Governments' (UCLG) in the international negotiations on climate, President of the climate working group of the network of European cities Eurocities, and President of the environmental commission of French Association of the Council of European Municipalities and Regions (AFCCRE). He was in charge of a parliamentary mission on the role of local and regional authorities in climate negotiations to prepare for the Paris Climat 2015 Summit, which was presented in September 2013. Vice President of Nantes Metropole, in charge of the climate plan from 2001 to 2011, he actively supported the dossier « Nantes, 2013 Green Capital of Europe ».

Juha LEPPÄNEN, CEO of Demos Helsinki



Juha Leppänen is the CEO of Demos Effect. Demos Effect is a strategy, foresight and co-creation consultancy and part of Demos Helsinki, Finland's leading independent think tank. Juha is social scientist and previously worked as theme area lead at Demos Helsinki. Before working at Demos, Juha co-founded a media startup tackling click journalism and filter bubbles. Juha is an active advisor on strategy, policy and innovation for both public and private organizations.

Moderator: **Lari RAJANTIE**, Leading Specialist, Business Development, Sitra



Lari Rajantie works with a variety of topics in the fields of sustainable development, resource wisdom and business development. His desk is a wonderful mishmash of material on topics such as sustainable consumption, resource-wise cities and developing countries. Lari's experience includes capital investing and growth enterprises in industries ranging from IT to locally produced food. He has also been involved in building a model for a resource-wise city and the FISU network of sustainable cities. Lari has a Master's degree in technology and in business administration and economy.

The documentary



QU'EST-CE QU'ON ATTEND ? (directed by Marie-Monique Robin)

Duration: 120 minutes

Language: French

Subtitles: English

Shot over the span of a year, the documentary takes us to Ungersheim, a 2200 inhabitant town in Alsace, France that has been multiplying initiatives to achieve complete autonomy and reduce its ecological footprint. The film follows the implementation of a participatory democracy program launched by the city in 2009, described as "unique in the world" by Rob Hopkins, founder of the cities in transition movement.