Urban Mill brings together actors to solve wicked problems of urban life. We started as a Public-Private-People-Partnership program in 2013 with the main starting partners: the City of Espoo, Aalto University and the Strategic Centre for Science, Technology and Innovation of built environment in Finland (RYM Ltd.) and its Energizing Urban Ecosystems research program with its companies. Järvelin Design Ltd. is responsible for developing the concept, operating the space and arranging the services.

“If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go with others.”

Our community includes change makers from public and private sector, researchers, entrepreneurs, students as well as local residents and other users of urban environments.

Companies, large and small, find a place here to develop digitally supported sustainable solutions for the built environments. Research and educational institutions together with professional and industrial associations share their know-how at Urban Mill.

Urban Mill produces impact-driven, thematic programs which activate and engage innovation actors and activities on local, regional and international levels deploying Urban Mill model - as an example CLiC! - Creative Life in a City! 2018 - 2019: https://urbanmill.org/clic/

Many ways to access Urban Mill!

Maker and event spaces: Diverse spaces for our community and customers to share. Our spaces are also available to organizations outside our network to actors whose activities are related to our themes.

Ecosystem services: a wide spectrum of services supporting innovation, development, testing and business, including co-location services to establish business in the area. Urban Mill is an agile entry point into the opportunities, networks and resources available in the Espoo Innovation Garden!

Visit Espoo Innovation Garden: Introduction to 1) Urban Mill model, 2) Innovation Alley, 3) Otaniemi Campus (Aalto, VTT), 4) Espoo Innovation Garden and 5) Helsinki Metropolitan area. Also tailored thematic case reports available on request.

Partnership: several alternatives for organisations and institutional actors to join our thematic programs and become part of the community.

Membership: many alternatives answering the needs of different sized organisations in different development phases from micro entrepreneurs to big enterprises.

Memberships and partnerships include the use of shared spaces, discounts on event spaces, the possibility to use the 3D cave and technology provided together with Aalto Built Environment Laboratory, Smart Screens, thematic networks and access to Urban Mill’s service network.


Additional information: www.urbanmill.org/stories

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Want access to Espoo Innovation Garden community? Search for development partners and experts? Experience new ways to work and co-create? Learn spatial co-design approaches? Connect to interesting teams and startups? Arrange events in Helsinki metropolitan area? Get a landing space in Finland?

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Urban Mill, along with the Aalto Design Factory and Startup Sauna, is located on Innovation Alley. The Alley is the focal point of innovation buzz on Aalto University’s campus in Otaniemi, in the heart of Espoo Innovation Garden. In the alley, research, education, business and society are interlinked through joint actions to co-create sustainable solutions. The alley is alive 24/7 and its entrepreneurial activities are globally networked.