

City of Helsinki's AI Experimentation Accelerator — Rapid, Low-Budget AI Sprints Across Municipal Services

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Quality score: 73/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Since 2019, Helsinki has run three-month sprints letting staff test small-budget AI and software-robotics ideas from their own daily work — about 80 proposals so far, 35 reaching a live experiment, including a pedestrian-crossing-decay detector open-sourced on GitHub.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	2/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	3/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	3/3
Scalability beyond pilot	1/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-14

[City of Helsinki](#) — accessed 2026-08-14

[City of Helsinki: Helsinki conducts quick experiments to utilise AI and software robotics](#) — accessed 2026-08-14

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