



Helsinki Central Library Oodi's timeline

From idea to planning, 1998–2014

1998 Minister of Culture Claes Andersson's proposal on a new central library to be constructed in city center

1998–2010 Various study reports and student projects of the possible future library

2010 Preliminary project plan completed on 29 April and published on 9 June

2011 Mayor's decision on 19 October to launch preparations for an architectural competition on the central library

2012 First phase of the open international and anonymous architectural competition from 5 January to 16 April, the competition attracts 544 entries

2012 Second phase of the architectural competition begins on 21 November, with six entries selected by the jury

o Exhibition of the second phase proposals: from 23 March to 5 April

2013 Winner announced on 14 June at the Helsinki Music Centre. Winner:

"Käännös" by ALA Architects

2014 Multidisciplinary design team starts the process to execute the building

2015 City council approves the project on 28 January

From planning to realization, 2015–2018

2015 Construction starts on 1 September

2015 Foundation construction begins and lasts till 2016

2016 Other construction, also that of the building itself, begins in November

2017 Construction of the steel frame begins on 27 January

2017 Ventilation and electrical work begins on 8 May

2017 Construction of the interiors (ceilings, walls etc.) begins in September

2018 Building site open to the public for the first time on 22 May

2018 Project presented in the Mind-Building exhibition at the Finnish Pavilion at the Venice International Architecture Exhibition 2018 from 26 May to 25 November

2018 Furnitures and equipments arrive in October

2018 Hand-over to the client in November

2018 The Central Library opens on 5 December

2019 Cinema and west facade to be completed in early 2019

2019 All facilities in use