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Title of the Institution / Project in English	Urban Industrial Landscape by the River Aura as Catalyst for Cultural Tourism Activities
Title of the Institution / Project in Original Language	
Summary of Case study/project	Turku was one of the first industrial cities in Finland. The main site for shipbuilding and many branches of industry related to shipbuilding has been the mouth of the River Aura. The mouth of the River Aura has been one of the largest urban renewal areas in the city. A renewal process on the western river started after the ideas competition at the beginning of 1990's
Organisations Concerned	
Case study/Project detailed description	History <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dominating industry was for centuries shipbuilding • Turku was one of the first industrial cities in Finland

- The main site for shipbuilding and many branches of industry related to shipbuilding has been the mouth of the River Aura
- The river is the most meaningful urban river in Finland giving an industrial, and nowadays also a cultural image for the city
- Industrial activities started at the mouth of River Aura in early 18th century, when first shipyards appeared in the area. They had connections to the boat building heritage in archipelago, but also to the international industrialists.
- The industrialization period which also was marked by rapid developments in transport technology, was very strong along the river banks of Aura River
- In 1960's and partly in 1970's "the dockyard city" was in full operation
- The deindustrialization process started in the area during the 1970's when first the eastern dockyard and then the western dockyard and then the western went partly out of business. Many areas of dockyard and nearby industrial areas became abandoned and started to transform urban brownfields.

Project starts

- The mouth of the River Aura has been one of the largest urban renewal area in the city
- A renewal process on the western river started after the ideas competition at the beginning of 1990's
 - First Cutty Sark Tall Ship' Race in 1996, 2nd in 2003
- On the western river bank the industrial heritage of the area is part of the renovating idea of industrial buildings
- The most impressive projects concerning the reuse of individual industrial buildings are on the western river bank of the River Aura by Arts Academy project
- In 1994 the old shipyard and factory premises were rebuilt to provide modern and functional facilities for cultural activities.
- <http://www.taideakatemia.turkuamk.fi/>

Other projects:

- **Manilla industrial quarter** has maintained its historical image in the course of urban development. Nowadays the old rope factory Manilla is under reconstruction for cultural activities. <http://www.manillatehdas.fi>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brewery restaurant Herman was opened 1996. http://ravintolaherman.com • Restaurant Rocca is situated in an old brewery storage building by the River Aura. It was opened in 2001 http://www.ravintolarocca.com • Forum Marinum National special museum and maritime centre http://www.forum-marinum.fi/ • Swedish speaking Polytechnic Sydväst is situated in an old Tobacco fabric of Rettig http://www.sydvast.fi/ • Aboa Vetus (history and archaeology) and Ars Nova (New Art) Museums are situated in the Rettig Palace by the River Aura, the private residence of the tobacco factory owner Rettig. 1997 was nominated the second best museum in Europe http://www.aboavetusarsnova.fi/site/index.php/user • Åbo Akademi Arken Swedish speaking university http://www.abo.fi/fak/hf/arken/ • Torpedo Hall –French play • Mecano loft apartments • Tall Ship Races 1996, 2003 http://www.tallshipsrace.fi/suomi/index.php • City of Sculptures • The Flying Dutchman http://www.flyingdutchman.fi/fin_index.php
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