

Memorandum of Understanding
between
The City of Austin, Texas, United States of America
And
City of Tampere, Finland

Hereinafter collectively referred to as the "two sides":

Guided by mutual aspiration toward the strengthening of understanding and goodwill between City of Tampere, Finland and Austin, Texas, United States of America, and, recognizing that such cooperation can strengthen the economies of the two sides, the two sides agree to the following:

1. The two sides will, within their authorities and to the extent permitted by the laws and regulations in force in their respective countries, cooperate with each other to promote mutual prosperity and development on the basis of equality and mutual benefits.
2. The two sides will cooperate with each other to foster economic links in areas of mutual interest that benefit both communities compatible with their respective Governments' policies, domestic laws, and international obligations. These areas include:
 - a. Semiconductors and optoelectronics
 - b. Startups and scaleups – increase opportunities to find relevant partners and circumstances to land
 - c. Resilience – looking at comprehensive security and preparedness for unexpected events and catastrophes
 - d. Defense and dual-use technologies
 - e. Advanced manufacturing and physical AI
 - f. Innovation ecosystems and public-private partnership
 - g. ~~Expansion economy~~ – music, media, events, sport and especially related technologies
3. The two sides will encourage their agencies to maintain direct contact with each other for the cooperation required by this Memorandum of Understanding. The two sides will also encourage the exchange of visits between their officials, local community leaders, citizens, as well as seeking mutual participation in key events and festivals. Two sides will also encourage cooperation between universities and talent exchange.

4. The two sides will develop municipal-private networks and initiatives with representatives of local, national, and international businesses, business associations, and business communities.
5. The two sides will consult each other regarding the modalities and programs of cooperation in implementing this Memorandum of Understanding by convening an annual meeting, or other meetings when necessary, to monitor and evaluate the achievement of joint projects as well as to ensure concrete results and mutual benefits.
6. This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of its signature and will remain in effect for five years, unless one side gives the other side six months prior written notice of its intention to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding.

The understandings identified above are nonbinding and present the intentions of the two sides.

Signed in duplicate at Austin City Hall on Friday, October 23, 2026 in the English language.

**For Austin, Texas,
United States of America**

**For Tampere,
Finland**

Kirk Watson
Mayor of Austin

Ilmari Nurminen
Mayor of Tampere

