



WHAT IS SATAMALAHTI LIKE IN THE FUTURE?

Miktech Ltd conducted a questionnaire in the Internet during October-November 2012, the questionnaire was commissioned by the City of Mikkeli. The aim was to gather thoughts and ideas of what kind of an area Satamalahti could be in the future. How do people live? What do people do? How are the ecology and digitality presented? The summary of the questionnaire is visible in [SlideShare](#) (in Finnish).

There were altogether 213 responses given in the questionnaire. Of all the respondents, 46% were from the ages of 46-64 and 39% from the ages of 26-45. Women were more active in this questionnaire with the response rate of 72%. Mikkeli is a home for 87% of the respondents, place for work for 24% of the respondents and a place to spend free-time for 16% of the respondents. Most had heard of the Satamalahti project earlier (90%) and knew where the area is located (98%). Of all the respondents, 12% wanted to live in the area in the future, 54% considered it to be possible.

The general view of the Satamalahti of the future was that it could be on the other hand a "living room" for people living in Mikkeli and on the other hand a showroom for the city of Mikkeli and its know-how.

LIVING: Most respondents wanted to have small apartment houses (68%) as well as rowhouses and semi-detached houses (39%) in Satamalahti area. It was also commented that the area should not be fully built or at least the tall buildings should be left unbuilt to preserve the lake scenery.

SERVICES: Cafes and restaurants were most popular (90%) among the responses. Also a marina (78%), exercise and recreational services (67%) and a grocery store (56%) were voted. Satamalahti was seen as an ideal area for culture, with exhibitions, art museum, theater or music house. Also a spa was suggested as it is part of the history of the Satamalahti area.

COMMUNAL FACILITIES AND RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES: Respondents wanted to have green areas and recreational parks in Satamalahti (87%), rental boats and canoes (75%), skating area (70%), beach (52%) and facilities to arrange gatherings and events (56%). Respondents wanted to have facilities and areas that attract active people to the area: areas for outdoor events and picnic gatherings, parks for children to play, walking paths and skiing trails.

ECOLOGY: All services should be within walking distance. Walking and cycling should overcome driving. Satamalahti should have a green look and one respondent even stated that the area is most ecological when it is left as much as possible natural and wild. Many respondents wished to have the shore for public use. Ecology should also be visible, strengthening the view of Mikkeli as an environmental city.

DIGITALITY: The lighting could be intelligent and ecology could be made visible with the help of digital solutions. Some respondents wanted big city screens and others stated that the digitality should be enabler and not that visible. It was not that easy for respondents to give thoughts to the digitality as it was hard to imagine what kind of digital solutions are available once the area is under construction.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR BUSINESS: Some respondents wanted to leave companies outside of Satamalahti area whereas some respondents considered Satamalahti to be an ideal showcase area for e.g. ecological building and local know-how.