



## TARTU LINNAVALITSUS

### **European Commission European Capital of Innovation Award 2016**

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Tartu endorses Tampere as a candidate for the European Capital of Innovation Award 2016.

Tartu and Tampere have been twin cities since 1992. Back then, the two cities, and thousands of their citizens, communicated by means of land lines and snail mail.

This communication led to both mutual friendship, and becoming cooperation partners – relationships that last to this day. Our alliance has been strengthened by the development of technology as it only takes seconds to find out about each others' activities and ideas.

The cooperation and sharing of good ideas between Tartu and Tampere is a brilliant example of taking care of our cities and making them better places to live.

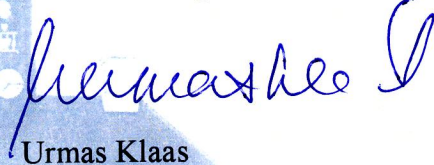
Both Tampere and Tartu are university cities; we are smart cities; our citizens are broad-minded and always open to the world.

Tampere's receptiveness to innovation is admirable. Tampere has a unique ability to find the balance between the past and the future and to continuously search for the new and the unique. Tampere's activities are characterised by clear vision and extraordinary vitality. Tampere is an attractive, forward thinking city that values brilliant dynamic ideas and is committed to putting them into practice in a considered and sustainable way.

Tampere is moving decisively towards new smart city solutions and creating a convenient city environment. The potential for building on this success is obvious!

Tampere is not just one city in Finland, it is one of the most resourceful cities in the world. This is why Tartu is giving its full support to its twin city Tampere in applying for the prestigious European Capital of Innovation Award.

Tartu wishes good luck to Tampere!



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The Mayor of Tartu