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Vantaa to trial automated buses (Finland)

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A month-long trial of four automated minibuses will take place in the Finnish city of Vantaa as part of the [CityMobil2 project](#).

The trial will begin in early July and last until early August, with the four buses carrying passengers on a kilometre-long route between the train station in the area of Kivistö in Vantaa and the Messukeskus Exhibition and Convention Centre.

With a capacity of 10 passengers per bus, the vehicles will move relatively slowly, as the route they take will be shared with cyclists and pedestrians.

The buses will be controlled from a main control room, and sensors will detect if there are obstacles in the path of a vehicle. The bus can then stop, slow down, or manoeuvre to avoid the person or object in front of it.

The Vantaa trial is one of a series of small pilots which will run throughout Europe. A similar pilot took place in Oristano (Italy) in 2014, while larger-scale demonstrations are planned in La Rochelle (France), Milan (Italy) and the West Lausanne region in Switzerland.

For more information, visit vantaa.fi (in Finnish).

Photo by City of Vantaa
