

PRESS RELEASE

“Code of the Universe” Exhibition Tours Finland, Bringing CERN Science to the Public

What is the Universe made of? Why does anything exist at all? And what unseen forces shape our reality?

The “**Code of the Universe**”, a travelling open-air exhibition developed in the context of CERN’s Future Circular Collider (FCC) study, arrives in Finland this May, inviting the public to explore some of the deepest questions in modern science through a unique visual experience.

Following successful presentations across Europe, the exhibition will tour four Finnish cities:

- **Tampere:** 5 – 15 May
- **Jyväskylä:** 19 May – 8 June
- **Lahti:** 9 – 29 June
- **Helsinki:** 30 June – 16 July

Combining striking large-scale photography with accessible scientific insights, the exhibition sheds light on the fundamental structure of matter and the forces that govern the Universe. Visitors are guided through the major open questions in physics today—from the nature of dark matter and dark energy to the origins of the cosmos—while discovering how particle accelerators act as powerful “microscopes” to probe the smallest scales of reality.

Presented in public spaces and freely accessible to all, the exhibition is designed to engage a broad audience, including schools, families, and anyone curious about science. Beyond fundamental research, it also highlights the technological innovations and societal benefits that emerge from large-scale scientific collaborations.

At its core, “**Code of the Universe**” is a story about **human curiosity, creativity, and collaboration**—the driving forces behind scientific discovery. Through powerful imagery and storytelling, it captures both the ambition and the human dimension of research at the frontiers of knowledge.

The Finnish tour is organised in collaboration with leading academic and research institutions, including the Helsinki Institute of Physics, University of Helsinki, Aalto University, University of Jyväskylä, LUT University, Tampere University, and STUK. It is supported by CERN and the FCC collaboration, and is closely linked to **FCC Week 2026**, the annual international conference of the FCC community.

Taking place shortly after the completion of the FCC Feasibility Study and during the final phase of the European Strategy for Particle Physics update, FCC Week 2026 represents a pivotal moment for the global particle physics community, bringing together scientists, engineers, policymakers and industry representatives to discuss the future of large-scale research infrastructures.


About the Exhibition

“**Code of the Universe**” is a travelling photographic exhibition developed in the context of CERN’s Future Circular Collider (FCC) study. Conceived as a dialogue between science and visual storytelling, it brings together **world-class scientific research and the work of internationally acclaimed photographers**.


Produced in collaboration with **Edition Lammerhuber**, a publishing house renowned for its high-quality photographic works, the exhibition features striking images created by leading photographers who translate complex scientific ideas into powerful visual narratives. Their work captures not only the scale and beauty of the Universe, but also the human dimension of discovery—the people, technologies, and environments that shape fundamental research.

The exhibition experience is further enhanced by an **augmented reality (AR) application that** allows visitors to interact with selected panels and explore additional layers of content. The app can be easily downloaded from the [exhibition website](#), offering an engaging, immersive way to discover the science behind the images.

Practical Information

 Open-air exhibition in central public locations

 Free admission

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