

SciComp team meetup

(as part of the Nordic Basic Scientific Computing Days)
Otaniemi, Finland – (2) 3 - 4 February 2026

This isn't a normal HPC or IT conference. It's a meetup of university teams to look under the hood and talk about what's really going on. If your job is supporting computing or HPC in a service team, "getting stuff done" and not just "publishing papers", and you want to learn from like-minded people, this is the meeting for you.

Why join?

Network with other university HPC/SciComp teams, like the old FGCI collaboration used to do. Share best practices and discuss our purpose when national resources are taking our place.

What to expect?

This part of the Nordic Basic Scientific Computing days is probably more "unconference": we'll make up the program when we get there.

Key session: Cool things and problems

An way to introduce ourselves. People or teams may present three cool things they have and three problems they have. The discussions then begin and further sessions may be planned...

Register

There is no registration fee, but also nothing provided for this part. It's a meetup of friends.

Propose

You can propose talks, demos, posters, and workshops on the spot (or in advance).

Connect

We aim to kickstart or re-make the national networks we've had in the past.

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Planned "keynote" sessions for Feb 3-4 (the SciComp meetup):

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Biggest unsolved problems in research {legal, data, GDPR, etc.}

We are often told that law and ethics give us clear-cut guidance. Under the hood, lawyers and similar are working hard to interpret the legislation to university research. We'll hear from an experienced Aalto lawyer about what's going on under the hood, and advice will hopefully flow both ways.

Panel discussion: HPC from the eyes of new users

Panel discussions are usually full of the most senior people the organizers can find. This panel gives the flow to new users of HPC and computing systems to hear about what they find difficult and how they think things can be improved.

The role of RSEs and SciComp teams in universities

What is the role of RSEs and similar support in universities? How can they find position themselves? We will hear from the former president of the Research Council of Finland, current Associate Vice President (AI Strategy and Adoption), and current director of the Aalto House of AI (a center connecting researchers and companies heavily relying on RSEs) about how university RSE and SciComp teams can find their position and funding.