

## Oodi Central Library: Project Timeline

### From idea to planning, 1998–2014

1998	Minister of Culture Claes Andersson presents a proposal for a new central library to be constructed in the city centre
1998 – 2010	Various study reports and student projects of possible future library
2010	Preliminary project plan completed on 29 <sup>th</sup> April and published 9 <sup>th</sup> June
2011	Mayor's decision on 19 <sup>th</sup> October to launch preparation for a central library architectural competition
2012	First phase of the open international and anonymous architectural competition 5 <sup>th</sup> January – 16 <sup>th</sup> April. The competition attracts 544 entries Second phase of the architectural competition begins on 21 <sup>st</sup> November, with six entries selected for further development by the jury Exhibition of the second phase proposals: 23 <sup>rd</sup> March to 5 <sup>th</sup> April
2013	Winner published on 14 <sup>th</sup> June in the Helsinki Music Centre. Winner: "Käännös" by ALA Architects
2014	Multidisciplinary design team starts the process to execute the building
2015	City council approves the project 28 <sup>th</sup> of January

### From planning to realization, 2015–2018

2015	Construction commences on 1 <sup>st</sup> September Foundation construction work begins and lasts till 2016
2016	Other construction, also that of the building itself, begins in November
2017	27 <sup>th</sup> January: Steel frame construction begins 8 <sup>th</sup> May: Ventilation and electrician work begins September: Interior construction (inner ceilings, walls etc.)
2018	22 <sup>nd</sup> May: Building site open to the public for the first time 26 <sup>th</sup> May to 25 <sup>th</sup> November: Project presented in the Mind-Building exhibition at the Finnish Pavilion in the Venice Biennale 2018 October: Furniture and equipment installation commences November: Hand over to the client 5 <sup>th</sup> December: The Central Library opens to the public