

How Forum Virium Helsinki Built a Lean, End-to-End Digital Operations Platform with Podio Software

AT A GLANCE

**FORUM
VIRIUM
HELSINKI**

Forum Virium Helsinki, the City of Helsinki's innovation company, manages complex EU-funded projects with a lean administrative team. By using Podio as a central platform for project management, HR and reporting, the organization reduced system fragmentation, improved visibility and scaled operations without increasing overhead.

COMPANY

Forum Virium Helsinki

INDUSTRY

Public Sector/Nonprofit, Innovation, City

PRODUCT

Progress® Podio®

COUNTRY

Finland

Challenge

As Forum Virium grew, teams relied on spreadsheets, shared drives and disconnected tools, limiting visibility across projects. At the same time, a small administrative team needed to manage HR, reporting and EU compliance requirements without adding costly systems or increasing operational overhead.

“We save a lot of money. The amount of saved money over 10 years using Podio is massive.”

Juhani Kantola,

CIO, Forum Virium Helsinki

Solution



Adopted Podio software as a central platform to manage projects, CRM and internal workflows within one consistent system.



Expanded Podio functions into HR, reporting and event management, reducing reliance on disconnected tools and manual processes.



Connected systems through automation and integrations, allowing data to move between tools without manual re-entry.

Results



Improved visibility across projects, making it easier to track progress, reporting requirements and key operational data.



Reduced reliance on manual processes across HR, reporting and coordination, helping teams work more efficiently day to day.



Supported a 60-person organization with a lean administrative and IT structure, without adding new systems or overhead.



Explore how the Podio platform can help simplify workflows and improve operational visibility.