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Completed in 1929, the Muurame Church by Alvar Aalto is an example of Nordic Classicism and an important cultural heritage site in the area. We can now admire the renovated church and its beautiful lighting that showcases the expertise of Sweco's light and electricity specialists. The site recently received the 2017 Finnish Lighting Award.

The winners of the Finnish Lighting Award 2017 were announced and awarded in the expert seminar arranged by the Association of Finnish Electrical Designers NSS in the VALO building in Helsinki on 9 November 2017. The exterior lighting series was won by **Muurame Church**, while the winner of the interior lighting series was the Port of Helsinki's West Terminal.

The jury considered it important that Muurame Church was accurately designed and implemented with state-of-the-art projection technology, avoiding spilled light. The wash lighting of other surfaces that was implemented in a suitable proportion also brings the entire church visible, constituting a balanced and elegant overall impression.

Aalto's building sleeps in dignified tranquillity – beautiful silhouette shines all the way to Muurame

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The lighting of the façade was designed in close cooperation with the Alvar Aalto Foundation, respecting Aalto's original design. "Instead of a shining torch, we wanted to create an elegantly lit façade that would make the silhouette shine all the way to Muurame. We are delighted that the lighting of our installation received attention and such a magnificent recognition," Sweco's lighting designers **Ari Peltola** and **Mikko Pekonen** say with a smile. "This is actually the first building by Aalto to receive façade lighting, because in Aalto's view buildings should be allowed to sleep at night," Peltola continues.

"As lighting designers, we naturally pay attention to the control of diffused light and energy efficiency. We modelled the church at the design phase and tried different lighting methods and fittings through simulation. The façade uses techniques such as sharp projectors that target the light to the desired places. This allowed us to eliminate light that escapes into the surroundings," says Pekonen, explaining the church lighting design process.

The Finnish Lighting Award competition encourages high-quality lighting solutions

The Finnish Lighting Award competition was now arranged for the sixteenth time. The winners will continue as Finland's candidates in the 'Nordisk Lyspris' competition.

The purpose of the competition is to encourage Finnish lighting designers and building developers by awarding meritoriously implemented lighting installations. In these installations, lighting supports the building's intended purpose and overall architectural solution and meets the modern lighting engineering requirements. The creative use of technological solutions, ecological factors and consideration of the environment also played a key role in the shortlisting of the lighting installations.

The Finnish Lighting Award 2017 competition was arranged by the Illuminating Engineering Society of Finland, the Finnish Association of Building Owners and Construction Clients RAKLI, the Finnish Association of Interior Architects SIO, the Finnish Association of Architects SAFA, the Electrical Contractors' Association of Finland STUL, the Association of Finnish Electrical Designers NSS and the Finnish Electrotechnical Trade Association STK.

The jury comprised the following members:

- Tapio Kallasjoki, Helsinki Metropolia University of Applied Sciences; Illuminating Engineering Society of Finland, Chairman of the Jury

- Mikko Östring; Finnish Association of Building Owners and Construction Clients RAKLI

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