

## SUMMARY

The accident occurred on Saturday, 24 September 2016 to the pilot of a Cessna 172N aircraft, registration OH-COV. Prior to the accident flight the pilot flew the aircraft from Eura aerodrome in Kauttua to Tuulikki-Vampula aerodrome in Huittinen. The pilot had to hand-start the engine by swinging the propeller before departing from Kauttua. During the engine start process the pilot took a 15 minute break and then took off for the flight at 11:47. The flight lasted approximately 15 minutes.

At 12:21 the pilot took off from Tuulikki-Vampula aerodrome for a local flight. During the flight the pilot reported that he would land earlier than planned because he did not feel well. During the landing, a little before reaching runway 28, the aircraft almost collided with a trench. The passenger warned the pilot of this and the pilot quickly corrected the situation. Following this, the aircraft drifted to the right and off the runway. The right wing collided with a light fixture at the side of the runway. The pilot again steered the aircraft back towards the runway and applied the brakes. At the taxiway intersection the pilot failed to sufficiently turn the aircraft; as a result the aircraft went diagonally across the taxiway into a ditch at low speed. This happened at 12:36.

Almost immediately after deplaning the pilot collapsed to the ground. The passenger called 112 (the emergency number) at 12:38. The doctor that arrived in the ambulance pronounced the pilot dead at 13:36.