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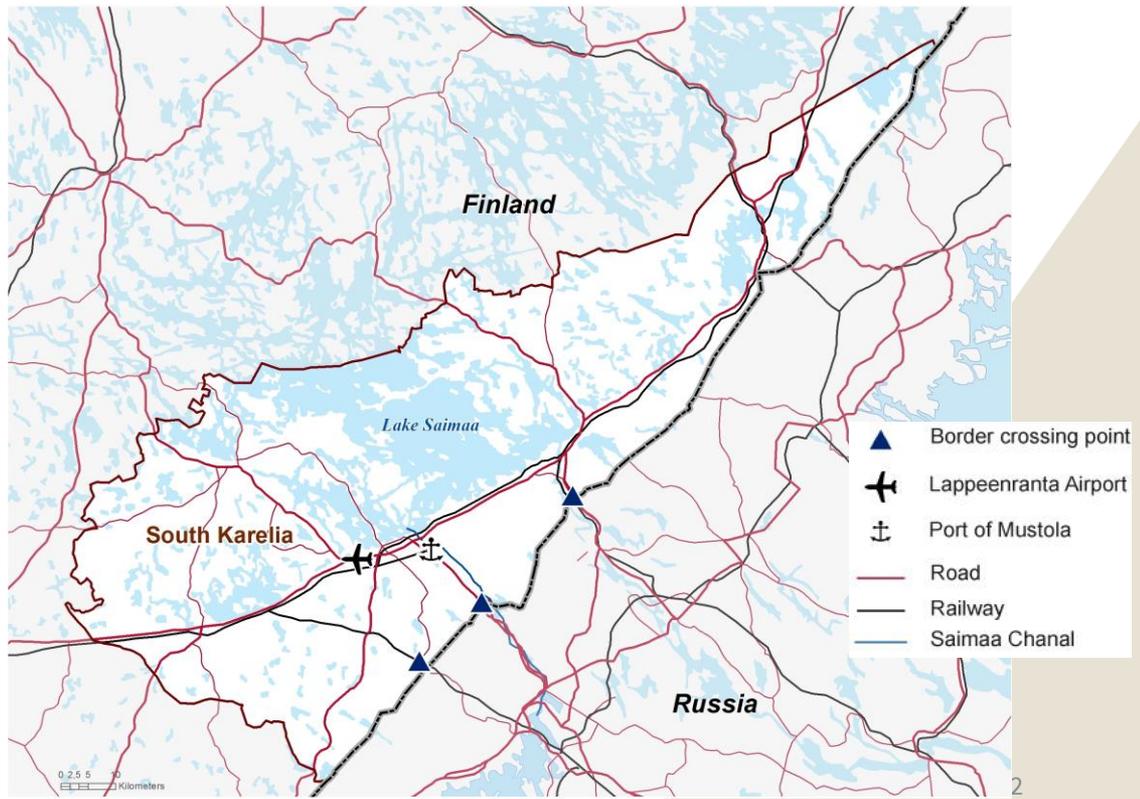
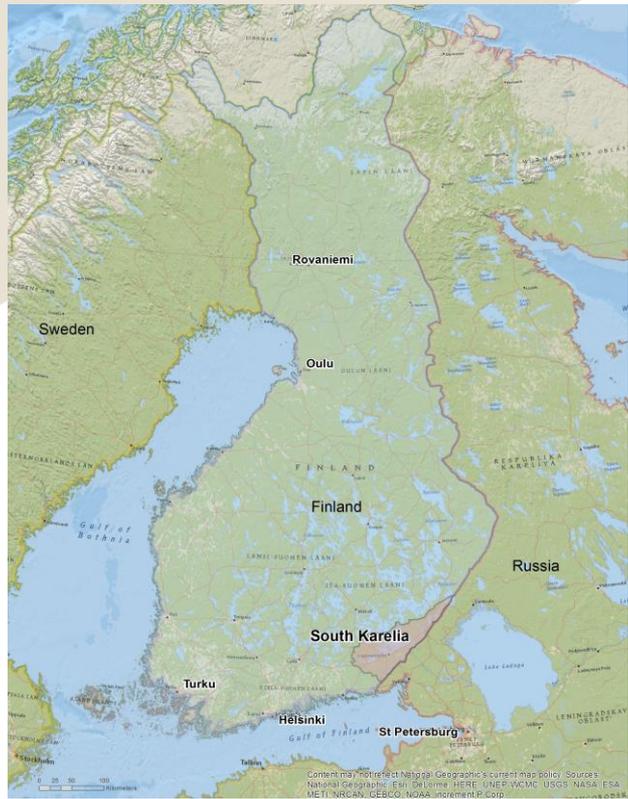
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LIFE ON THE BORDER

SOUTH KARELIA IS LOCATED BETWEEN HELSINKI AND ST. PETERSBURG



THE HEART OF THE BIO-ECONOMY



SOUTH KARELIA IS A MAJOR REGION, WHICH IS BASED ON IT'S THRIVING FOREST INDUSTRY

The bio-economy is also thriving: biomaterials, wood products, innovative packing, cardboard, bio-oil made from pine...

The world's first biorefinery set up in Lappeenranta 2015



OVER 7600 KM OF SHORELINE



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LAKE SAIMAA – THE FOURTH LARGEST
LAKE IN EUROPE



A person is performing a handstand on a grassy hill at sunset. They are holding a large, black, geometric structure that is engulfed in bright orange and yellow flames. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. In the background, there are silhouettes of buildings and trees.

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY HUB CREATING NEW INNOVATIONS AND SOLVING GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGES



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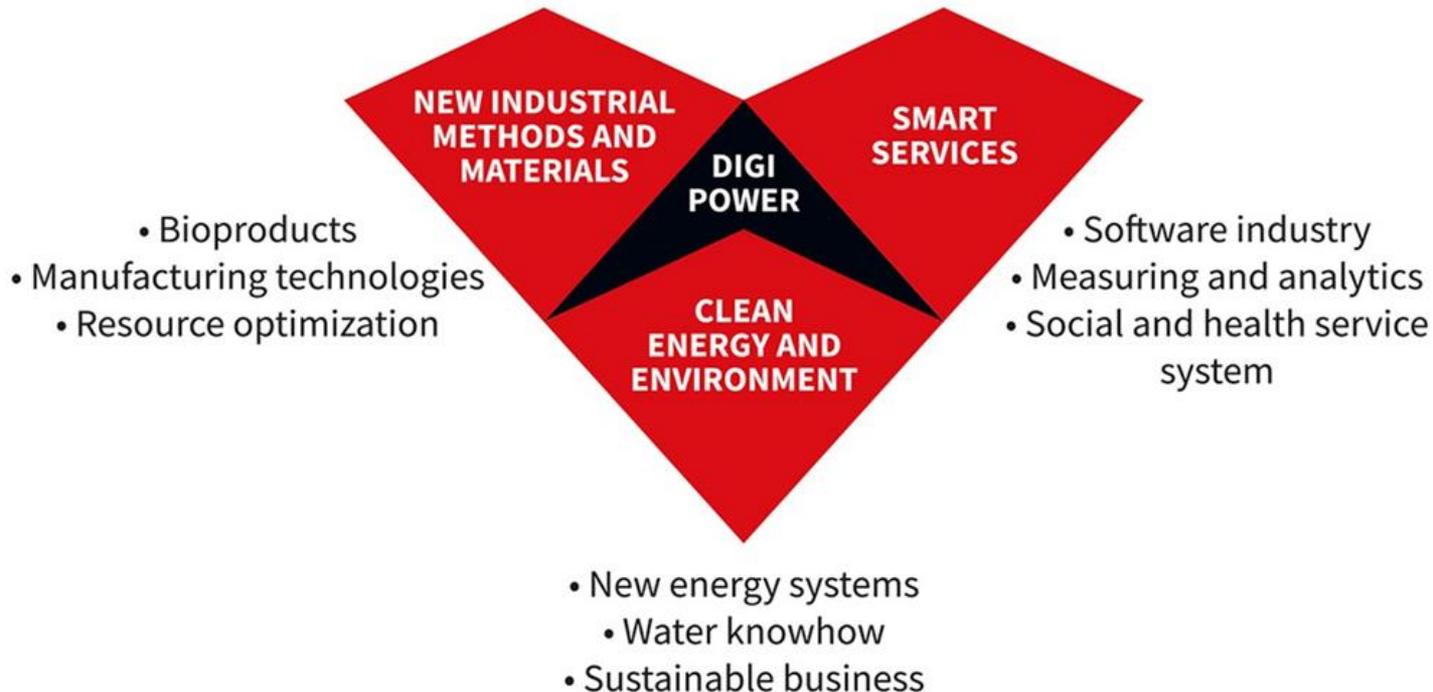


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HEART BEATING FOR INNOVATIONS



PRIORITIES IN SMART SPECIALISATION STRATEGY



REGIONAL COUNCIL OF SOUTH KARELIA

- / The Regional Council of South Karelia is a joint municipal authority
- / 9 member municipalities.
- / The Council operates as the authority for **regional development** and unit for **regional planning**.
- / Task to look after **regional interests** and to **promote** economic development and cultural **well-being** in South Karelia.
- / The Council has a statutory responsibility for regional development and planning.



I WISH FRUITFUL EVENT!

THANK YOU!



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