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## The Helsinki EU Office Newsletter

**Welcome to read the first Helsinki EU Office newsletter.** This newsletter is designed to provide up to date information on projects, activities, initiatives and events across the regions, cities and universities Helsinki EU Office represents in Brussels. The content of the newsletter is diverse and cross-sectorial and it showcases the deep know-how of our ten partners.

**Through this newsletter our partners will demonstrate their strengths and keys to success,** based on the strong collaboration between the public sector, academia, industry and civil participants. Last but not least, the objective of this newsletter is to facilitate and to promote our partners' EU-level cooperation with various stakeholders. Please do not hesitate to contact our partners or Helsinki EU Office for more information and collaboration.

I wish you happy reading!

Regional Mayor of Helsinki-Uusimaa Region, **Mr Ossi Savolainen**

*Helsinki EU Office partners: Helsinki-Uusimaa Region, City of Helsinki, Häme Region, Kymenlaakso Region, Päijät-Häme Region, Aalto University, University of Helsinki, Hanken School of Economics, Laurea University of Applied Sciences and Metropolia University of Applied Sciences*



**Helsinki-Uusimaa Regional Council**

**Smart, smarter, Helsinki region**



The recently launched HelsinkiSmart website introduces the five themes Helsinki region focuses on in its RIS3 strategy and also includes examples of projects under these themes.

On the website, you can find the right contact person to help you discover more information on any topic of particular interest whether you're looking for partners or best practices.

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## Aalto University

### ERC Grant for researcher producing carbon fibre from wood

Michael Hummel, Postdoctoral Researcher at Aalto University, has been awarded a ca. 1.5 million Euro Starting Grant by the European Research Council (ERC). The funding was granted for a five-year project aiming at the manufacture of high-quality carbon fibres from wood.



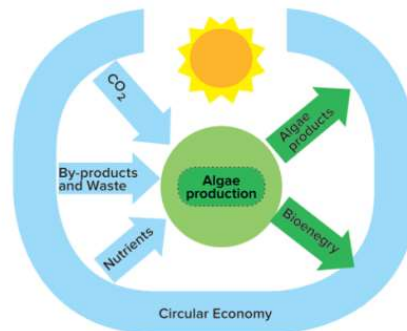
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## The Regional Council of Päijät-Häme

### LEVARBIO - Utilization of algal components and biomass as food, feed, and fuel

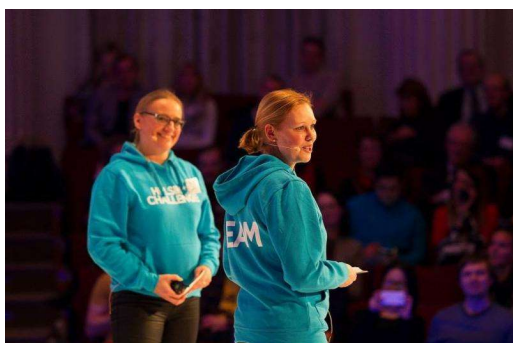
LEVARBIO project (ERDF) utilizes micro algae in waste water treatment, renewable energy production as well as in sustainable production of high value substances for food and feed.

Aim of the project is development of the cost-effective and zero-waste concept utilizing industrial or agricultural side streams for combined production of energy, and algae based high value products, such as omega-3 fatty acids, pigments and vitamins.

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## University of Helsinki

### Helsinki Challenge to return bigger and better



The science-based idea competition Helsinki Challenge brings together the academic community and society at large to solve the world's grand challenges in cooperation. The competition themes Sustainable Planet, Urban Future and People in Change are linked to the UN's sustainable development goals. The €375,000 prize is meant for implementing the idea.

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## Metropolia University of Applied Sciences

### Metropolia launches robot buses to the streets of Finland



Automated last mile buses will enter the public roads in Finland to solve the challenges of urban mobility. These cost effective, energy efficient, small electric buses can transport up to nine (9) persons. The buses will be on a trial use in the cities of Helsinki, Espoo and Tampere in SOHJOA-project coordinated by Helsinki Metropolia University of Applied Sciences.

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## City of Helsinki

### Maria 0-1 - The biggest startup cluster in the Nordics

The Nordics' biggest startup hub has just opened in the premises of the old Maria hospital in Helsinki. Maria 0-1 hosts a hand-picked top team of young growth companies from different fields.

Also happening in Helsinki: **Slush** - Europe's leading startup event November 30 - December 1st



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## Regional Council of Kymenlaakso

### Kymenlaakso Region presents Bioeconomy in St.Petersburg and Brussels

Regional Council of Kymenlaakso in co-operation with Kymenlaakso University of Applied Sciences and other key stakeholders, are organizing two workshops on future challenges of Bioeconomy. Bioeconomy is an essential part of the RIS3-strategy of the Kymenlaakso Region. A special feature in Kymenlaakso and Finland is the development work done with renewable packaging. This issue will be presented in the both workshops.



First workshop took place at the St.Petersburg Innovation Forum on 22th of September in St.Petersburg, Russia, and the second will be held during the European Week of Regions and Cities on 12th of October in Helsinki EU Office in Brussels.

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Laurea University of Applied Sciences

## Living Labs as Laurea's strategic choice

Laurea's strategic choice is to integrate its three tasks: education, R&D and regional development. Laurea Living Labs Network serves the integration of the three tasks in the optimal way. Living labs are user-centred open innovation ecosystems integrating research and innovation research in real life communities and settings.

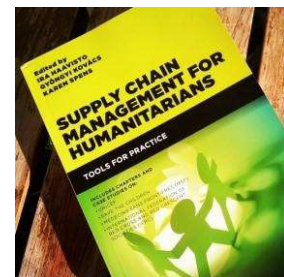


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## Hanken School of Economics

### Hanken researchers release a book on humanitarian logistics: Practical tools

Hanken's Rector Karen Spens has, in collaboration with Hanken researchers Gyöngyi Kovacs and Ira Haavisto written and published a new book. The book "Supply Chain Management for Humanitarians, Tools for Practice" provides in-depth insight into the management of supply chains in the context of humanitarian logistics. This accessible and practical book considers humanitarian logistics from both a strategic and an operational perspective.



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## Regional Council of Häme

### SYMBI Project - Empowering regions to build sustainable economies

SYMBI project will contribute to improve the implementation of regional development policies and programmes related to the promotion and dissemination of industrial symbiosis and circular economy from seven participating countries faced to policies alignment with the Circular Economy strategy of the European Commission to transform



Europe into a more competitive resource-efficient economy.



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