Regional Council of Lapland

Our responsibility in the region is to manage regional development and draft the regional development strategies and programmes, as well as plan the regional development actions. We are also in charge of the S3 strategy development and implementation in the region.

Our expertise is to be the managing authority for ERDF 2014-2020 in Northern Finland and therefore, we fund the regional development projects. Both national and EU funds are at our disposal, granted for projects that promote the objectives of Lapland.
What will be your main contribution in the project?

- Act in the role of the Leading partner of the project fulfilling the responsibilities set by the programme:
  - Dividing tasks among partners -> monitoring fulfilment
  - Ensuring an efficient internal management & control system
  - Project reporting to secretariat
  - Expenditure monitoring
  - Funding management
- Lead the process in the region with the support of the stakeholder group in the mining industry
- Actively facilitate the new learning processes in Lapland by making relevant practices and results learnt in REMIX widely available and usable for regional actors involved in the "Modern cluster of Arctic industry – sustainable utilisation of the arctic natural resources".
Current status of mining in the region

Kari Poikela’s presentation on Tuesday and Wednesday
What do you want to achieve by participating in REMIX?

The policy instrument we want to improve is the sustainable growth and jobs 2014-2020 – Finland’s structural funds programme, **Priority axis 2**: producing and using the latest knowledge and skills (ERDF), **Specific objective 4.1**: Developing research, competence and innovation clusters that draw from regional strengths.

Through REMIX work we want to

- Improve the governance process of the regional strategic programming as part of OP
- Also, strengthen it’s role as a steering umbrella for the sustainable development & utilisation of the natural resources in the region
- Develop multidisciplinary approach to support the service industries in mining
- Improve the RDI capacity by inviting different actors to come together to seek for solutions in strengthening the sector.
- Develop dialog between the governance and stakeholders -> crucial for the improvement of the operational environment for the mining industry
- Spark regional/interregional project initiatives supporting the number of SMEs on eco innovations in relation to smart and green mining.
What is your communication objective?

To persuade all the stakeholders in the field into dialog with the governance to develop better operational environment and to gain mutual benefits to all parties involved -> good and open communication and networking is the key in sparking new ideas and creating new jobs and businesses.
Thank you!

Questions welcome