Lapland in facts & figures

Surface area
100,366 km²

Water
7,699 km²

Population
178,530
Population density
1.8 /km²

Employment
69,000 jobs
50% in private enterprises
9,100 private enterprises

Annual revenue
€ 13,300 M
70% from private enterprises

Fastest growing economy in Finland

Mining & metal industry
€ 5,000 M
Annual revenue

Tourism overall demand
€ 1,000 M
Fastest growing industry in Lapland
Annual growth 9%
20% in 2017

Agricultural production & reindeer husbandry
€ 340 M
Annual revenue

4th largest export region in Finland
7% of Finnish export
Is a Regional Managing authority of national ERDF programme (PI in the REMIX project for Lapland).

Lots of discussions ongoing on mining and mining policies in the region. Municipalities are very actively involved.

In addition to 3 operating mines Kemi (Cr), Kittilä (Au), Sodankylä (Ni, Cu, Au, Pt), there are also couple of promising mining projects for instance in Sodankylä (Cu, Ni, PGM) and Kolari (Fe, Cu, Au).
Importance of REMIX to Lapland

REMIX (and MIREU) were initiated in 2015 by the Regional Council of Lapland after discussions with European Commission (DG GROW), Lower Silesia and Castile and León.

- Answers to the need for closer cooperation between mining regions and providing international cooperation opportunities for regional stakeholders.

Remix has provided opportunities for Lapland stakeholders to learn from other regions but also it has offered opportunities to showcase their expertise and best practices to others.
Cluster & Circular Economy Centre

Finnish Innovation Fund (Sitra) published the national circular economy road map (2016) for years 2017-2025

Establishment of the Circular Economy Centre in Kemi-Tornio one of the roadmap’s Key projects in 2018 (Focus on heavy industry):

• Aims to develop a more competitive business environment for companies involved in the circular economy.
• Helps companies to develop circular economy business and products by providing expert assistance, applying for funding, linking operators, creating networks, promoting pilots and supporting in scaling-up
Action(s) in Lapland for next two years

Aiming at better implementation of the policy instrument: **sustainable growth and jobs 2014-2020 Structural funds programme.**

Focusing on **research and innovation activities for circular economy** and actions targeting **more environmentally friendly mining operations**
- Benchmarking Portuguese partner Nova, University of Lisbon, FCT

In Lapland, one of the challenges for innovation is the skills shortage for SMEs in mining and metallurgy value chain.

To tackle this challenge action will be
**Regional ERDF funded project for “Developing a Arctic Circular Economy Innovation Concept”**
Targeting at
**RESEARCH AND INNOVATION BASED CIRCULAR ECONOMY PRODUCTS, SERVICES AND BUSINESS MODELS FOR SMEs IN LAPLAND**
Thank you!

Questions welcome

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