Smart Specialisation Platform for Industrial Modernisation, Mining Industry and global value chains partnership

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Kainuu Region

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Characteristics of Kainuu

- Area 22688 km², size of Belgium
- Total 8 municipalities
- Population 73 959 inhabitants
- Population density: 3.4 inhabitants per km²
- Number of incoming tourists 250 000 per year (40% Russia, 11 % China, 11% France)
- Number of enterprises: 4109
- GDP: 27160 € per inhabitant (2016)
Main industries

- Bio economy, Mining, Tourism, Technology industry
- Forests cover 72% of the total surface and bioeconomy in its various forms is the biggest of Kainuu’s key industries both in terms of turnover and human resources.

Estimated turnovers and human resources of Kainuu’s business sectors in 2017 (Picture 4).
Operating and planned mines in Kainuu

- Terrafame Mining Ltd.: mines and processes nickel, zinc, cobalt and copper
- Mondo Minerals Ltd.: talc producer
- Sotkamo Silver Mine project (45M€), production starting in March 2019: silver, gold and zinc
- Juuan dolomiittikalkki: dolomite (operating in Juuka and in Paltamo)

- Otanmäki Mine: goal is to reopen the mine during 2020-2022
- Kalevala Gold (in Suomussalmi)
- Terrafame battery chemicals plant (175M€) to be built in 2019, in production in the beginning of 2021
## SMART SPECIALISATION (RIS3) CHOICES OF KAINUU REGION 2018-2021

### Cross-cutting themes and goals on all RIS3 PRIORITIES

- Developing Key Enabling Technologies (KETs)
- Utilisation of robotics, automation, data centres, data analysis, artificial intelligence & virtual reality
- New solutions and applications of circular economy
- Innovations in resource efficiency, decarbonisation and climate change mitigation & adaptation

### INNOVATIONS:

#### TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY
- Measurement technology
- Games & simulators
- Metal industry innovations

#### BIO ECONOMY & MINING
- Process and environmental monitoring of industry
- Forest & blue bio economy & food

#### HEALTH & WELLBEING
- Activity tourism
- Health, physical training and sports

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Investments, new enterprises, know-how and technology to the region, increasing volume and added value of production and export
# Kainuu region’s FDI attractiveness

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<td>Focus &amp; growth in high-tech manufacturing ++</td>
<td>Infrastructure quality -</td>
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<td>Real labour productivity (automation) +</td>
<td>Demographic ageing -</td>
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<td>Regional innovation (helix-generated) ecosystem +</td>
<td>Relatively low educational level -</td>
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<td>Low start up intensity &amp; retainment -</td>
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<td>Adaptability to new technologies +</td>
<td>Precedence of FDI and low landing rate -</td>
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<td>Gateway location (cross border corridor): value chain potential +++</td>
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<td>Access to domestic and non domestic growth markets ++</td>
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<td>New growth sectors (bio-based industries including side flow valorisation, gaming, mining) +++</td>
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<td>Strong regional export growth (basic industry effects) ++</td>
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Objective of the Mining Strategy of Kainuu is to implement the objectives of the mining sector, written in the Kainuu regional program 2018-2021:

- A **sustainably growing extractive cluster is being created in Kainuu**, linking research, **development and innovation** as well as coordinated cooperation and development activities in the field of business.

- In line with the principles of the circular economy, **new products are being developed by the extractive industries**. Industry's **high technology, skills and services and products in the sector are increasing**.

- Ensure the availability of skilled labour force.
Kainuu Mining Strategy 2019-2025

Kainuu Mining strategy 2019-2025: a tool for development of the sector.

The Mining Strategy covers the current status, vision, values and development objectives of mining, extractive activities/natural quarries and exploitation of mineral resources.

The Mining Strategy strengthens co-operation between private and public sector actors relevant to the development of the extractive sector in Kainuu region.
Building blocks of the strategy

Kainuu Mining Strategy 2019-2025

- Strategy process
- Interviews and inquiries
- Reports, publications and articles
- www.otakantaa.fi
  (online questionnaire for stakeholders)
Thank you for you attention!

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