

CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN SOUTHWEST FINLAND

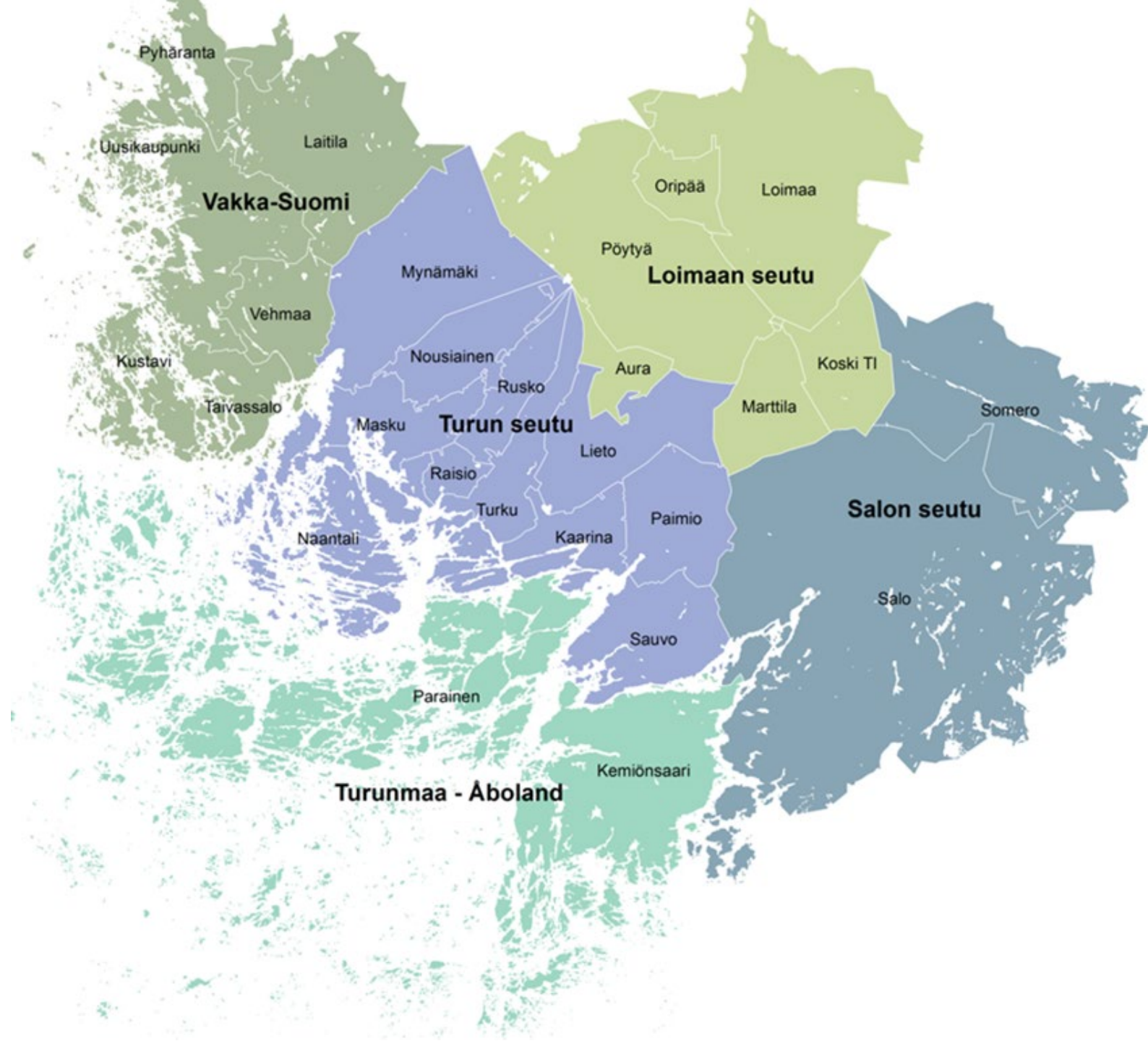
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Southwest Finland

- 27 Municipalities, wide range
- The region is on the path to becoming carbon neutral
- Positive restructuring in the region in the past years
- The region has a major role in food production
- Strong universities
- Wide range of businesses with circular economy know how
 - Life science and health
 - Maritime technologies
 - Food chains



CIRCULAR ECONOMY ACHIEVEMENTS

- | An ongoing energy transition
- | Project activities on developing CE business models
- | Ambitious scheme on textile recycling ecosystem
- | Innovations and technologies on e.g.
 - | Heat recovery
 - | Nutrient recycling
 - | Waste based fuels
 - | Chemistry
- | Co-operation between regional and municipal actors, universities and developers, national and international networks
- | Comprehension of the issue



Challenges

- | Scaling good practices and technologies
- | Identifying priorities and synergies
- | Technical expertize
- | Logistics and markets



Policy instrument supporting CE

- | European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
- | Sustainable development is one of the key principles guiding the structural fund activities.
- | In the programming period 2014-2020, a total of 25 per cent of the ERDF funding will be directed at low-carbon activities.
- | Eligibility criteria including e.g. promoting new green / sustainable business models.
- | Funding for the program 2014-2020 has been 6M€.



Thank you!

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