



A Region of Sustainable Partnerships

Southwest Finland's Regional Strategy 2040+
Regional Scheme 2040+
Regional Programme 2022-2025
Smart Specialisation Strategy 2021-2027



Regional Council of
Southwest Finland

Sustainable Partnerships!

New regional strategy 2040+ since December 2021.

- 1. Clean solutions**, innovations and sustainable growth
- 2. Wellbeing** and communality for all
- Collaboration and decisions **based on science and information**
- Digitalisation, **resilience** and growth-orientation



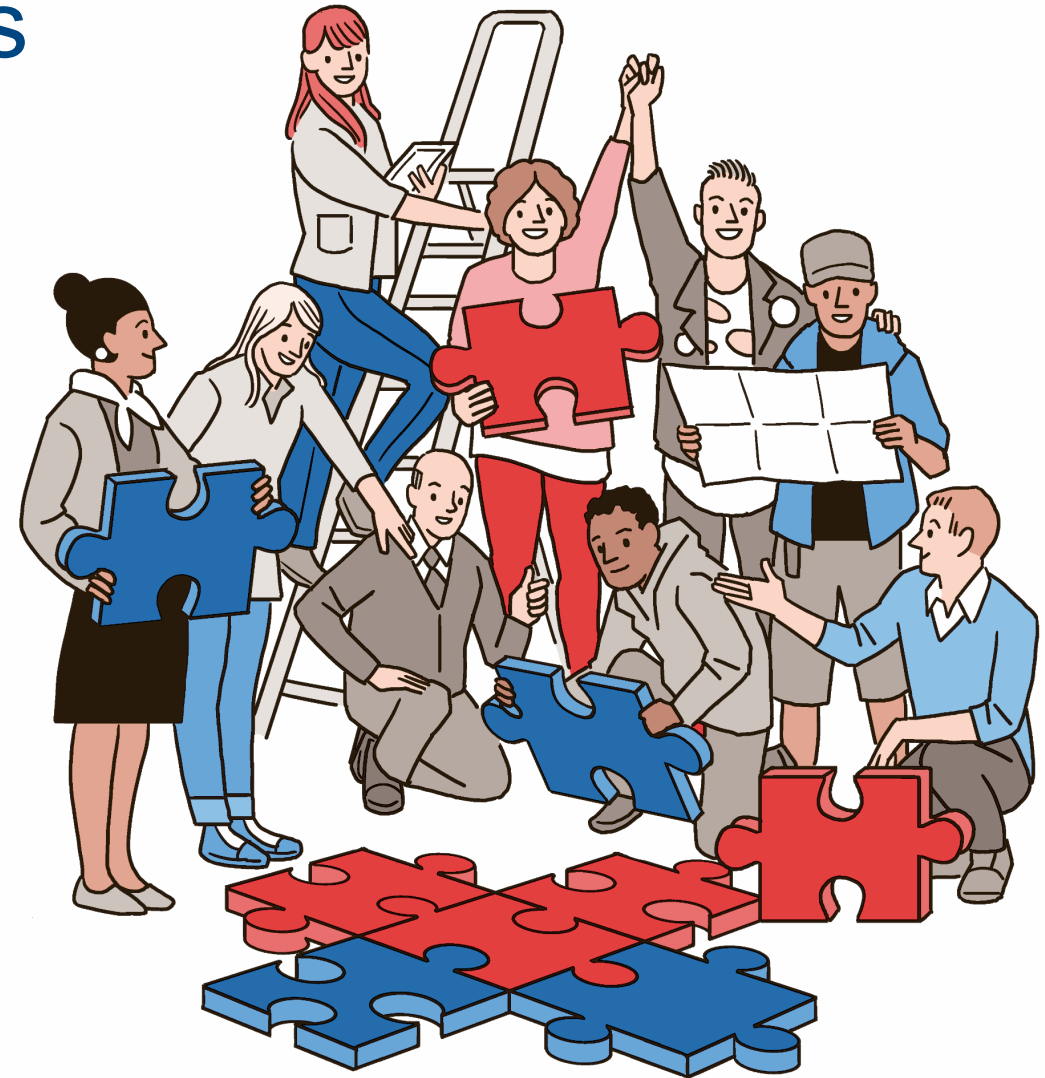
Tradition of Collaborations

- 27 municipalities, hundreds of actors!
- Limited financial resources and official contracts > **systematic work on building a framework of networks** to implement the Regional Strategy
- The Regional Council leads the work and allocates (human) resources
 - Facilitator, Coordinator, Expert, Host
 - Webpage, newsletters
- Currently ca. 20 networks



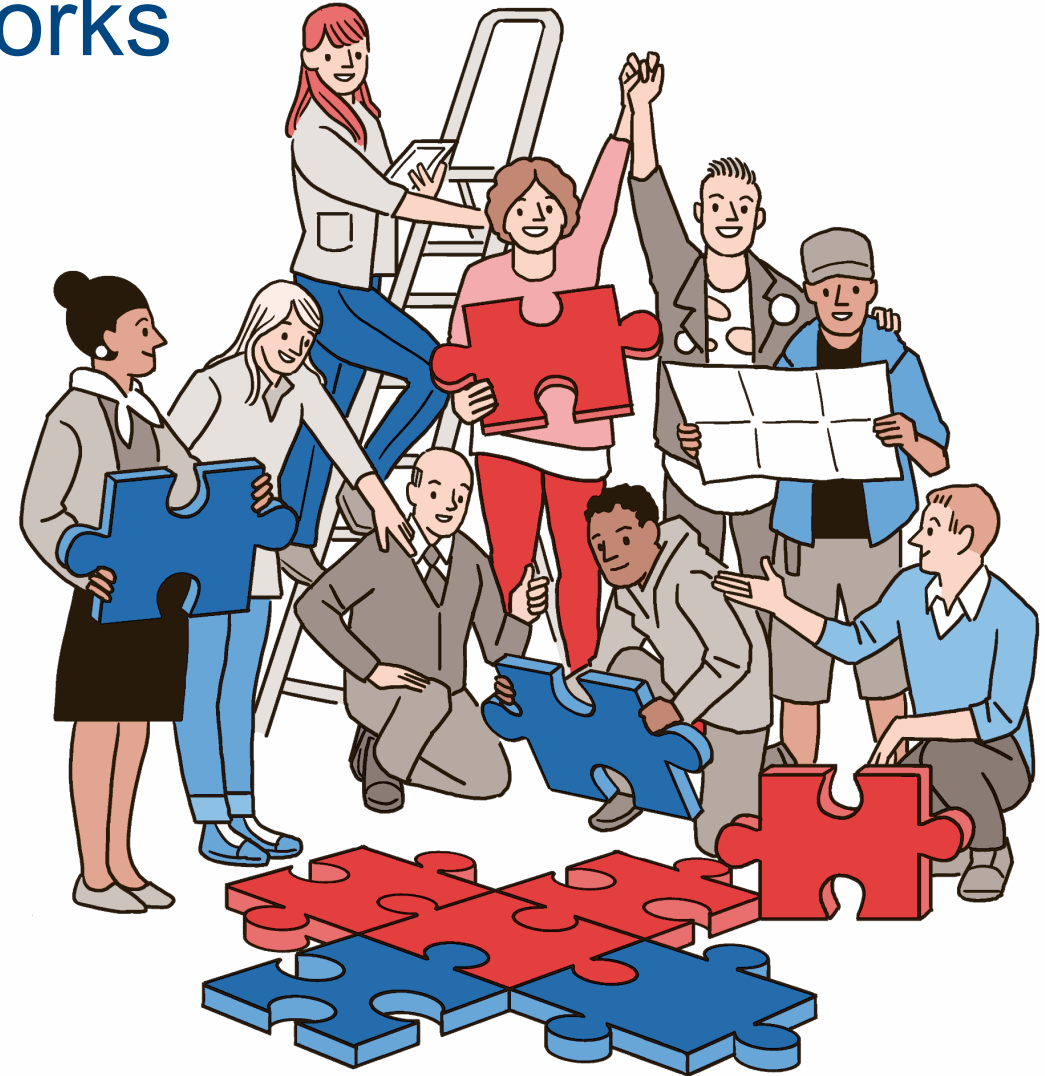
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- Council's role is a facilitator, host, expert
- Intermediaries are in a crucial role
- Members are Science Parks, Regional Development Agencies, Universities and Universities of Applied Sciences, Flagship Projects, Companies, Knowledge Clusters...
- Focus on competitiveness, innovations, European cooperation



S3 priorities of Southwest Finland

Blue economy and renewing industry

- Especially ship building, autonomous vessels, fuel systems
 - Almost 30 % of Finnish maritime industry jobs and Finnish maritime industry revenue
- Focus on RDI, international networks, clean and resource efficient solutions
 - European Maritime Hotspots project
 - Regional Expert Group



S3 priorities of Southwest Finland

Innovative food chains

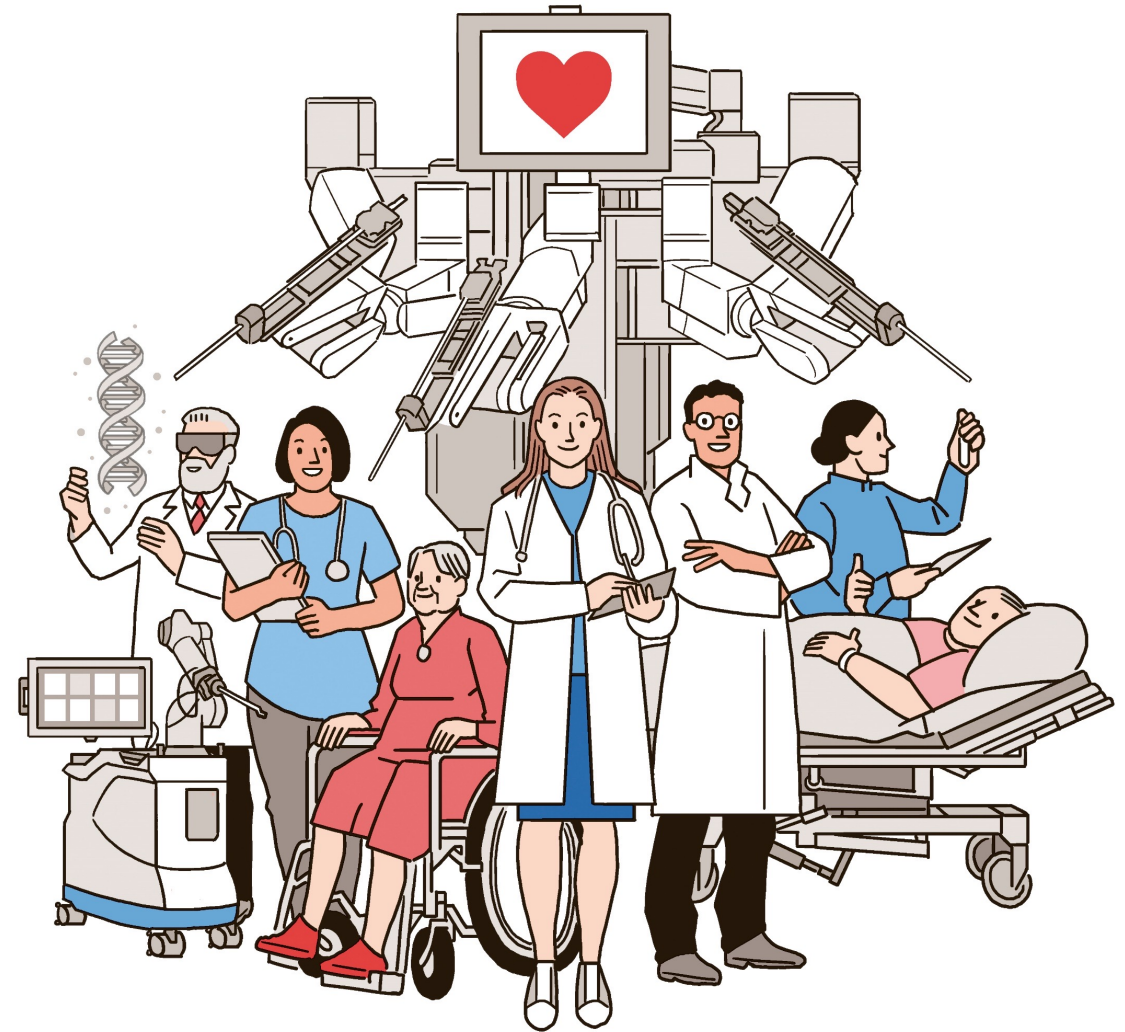
- "Finland's granary"
 - Forerunner in sustainability in food production
 - Wheat, plant proteins, vegetables
 - Most of eggs in Finland, ¼ of pork
- Focus on blue (aqua culture, fisheries) and green bioeconomy, multidisciplinary co-creation, digital solutions
 - Several regional working groups
 - Member of European Regions for Innovation in Agriculture, Food and Forestry



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Life Science and Health Technology

- Finland's strongest life science hub
 - 95 % of pharmaceuticals developed in Finland, over 75 % of Finnish pharmaceuticals exports, over 100 companies
 - National pharmaceuticals development centre established in Turku
- Focus on pharmaceuticals and diagnostics, bioimaging, technology and data
 - Euro BioImaging ERIC Headquarters
 - Regional working group



Next steps in Regional Strategy and S3

- Networks are now building their **Regional Strategy Action Plans**
- Stakeholder meeting in mid-June 2022

- **Partnerships for Regional Innovation initiative 2022-2023 /** European Committee of the Regions and EC Joint Research Centre
- **S3 BSR Directors' Network cooperation**



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