

Regional Council of Pohjois-Savo

Welcome speech



Dr. Marko Korhonen, Region Mayor

Kuopio 12.9.2017 EIB Opportunities for Finnish regions

Kuopio
the capital
city
118 000 inhabitants

**Pohjois-Savo is by the number of inhabitants
the sixth largest region in Finland**

380 km
from Kuopio
to Helsinki

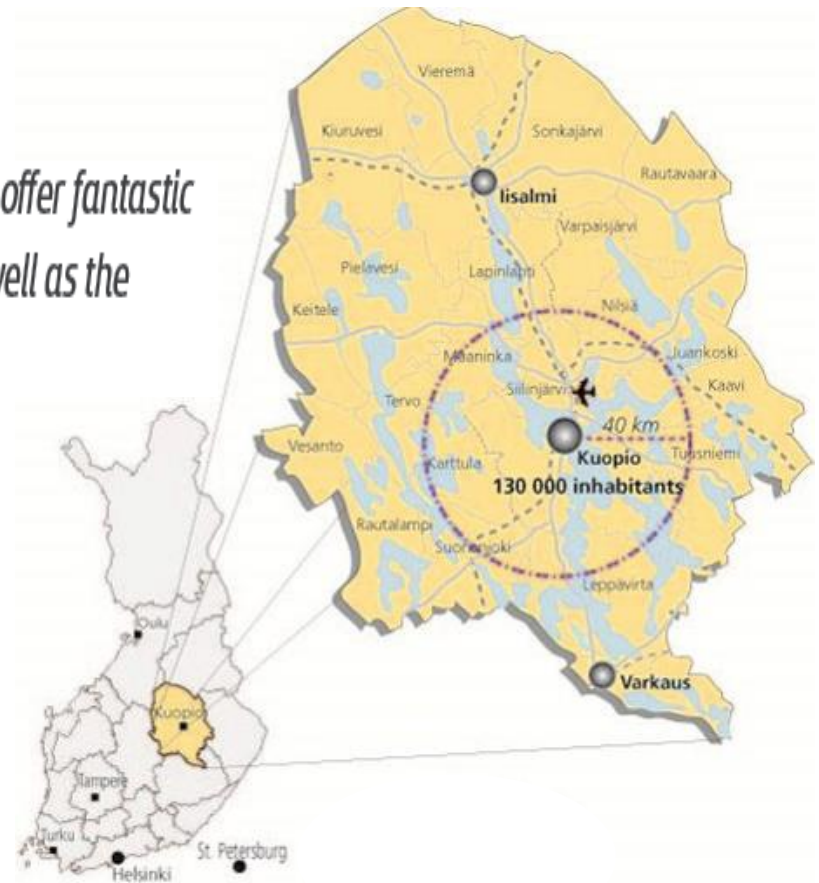
250 000 inhabitants
18 municipalities

500 km
to the
Arctic Circle

*High quality skills and varied natural resources offer fantastic
opportunities for new growth and renewal as well as the
development of new products and services.*

450 km
to
St. Petersburg

3622
lakes



The smart specialization strategy of Pohjois-Savo

	Innovation priorities	Development Objectives			
Current Leaders	Machine and Energy technology	Technological solutions strengthening the productivity, energy efficiency	Customer -based service concepts and project management	SME's taking part in the global supply network	Product innovations, personalized products and time to profit
	Wood and Bio Processing	New products and services based on wood	New wood products, productivity, wood construction		Biofuels and bioprocessing
	Foodstuffs	Enhanced productivity and production of dairy farming		Functional food industry	
New and promising	Health Cluster	Health Technology	Service Concepts of health, export of health services	Promotion of welfare and health, healthy diet	Innovative medicines and personalized medical care
	Water and Air	Energy production and traffic emissions	Hydrological processes and closed circulation concepts in agriculture, industries and mining		Water Processes and air technology cluster

2014 ▶ 2020