

CALL FOR POTENTIAL PARTNERS AND PARTNERING AREAS

Seinäjoki Technology Centre Ltd. focuses on the development of regional innovation environments and technology companies. It provides modern office facilities, business incubator and various development services (training, initiatives, programmes etc.). Seinäjoki Technology Centre Ltd. is a member of the Finnish Science Park Association TEKEL.

Seinäjoki Technology Centre Ltd. plays a major role in developing the mechanical engineering cluster in Finland. During the upcoming programme period the company will coordinate the *Centre of Expertise for Smart Systems Programme*, which concentrates on the development of agro, forest and food processing engineering industries and intelligent technology applications.

Seinäjoki Technology Centre Ltd. is interested in finding **potential project partners and partnering areas** with similar key competences (intelligent technology applications) and regional industrial clusters (mechanical engineering in agro, forest and food industry).

The future co-operation may include e.g. dissemination of best practices, international excursions, exchange of experts etc. In the long run R&D intensive projects are desirable.

Other information of the region:

The region of South Ostrobothnia is situated in the Province of Western Finland consisting of 26 municipalities. The region has approximately 200.000 inhabitants. Typical for the region is the wide network of SMEs. The number of small enterprises per number of inhabitants is one of the highest in the whole country (55 enterprises /1.000 inhabitants).

The city of Seinäjoki is the centre of South Ostrobothnia Region and one of the fastest-growing conurbations in Finland (36.500 inhabitants). The city is known for its entrepreneurship, which is strongly supported by education and research: **Seinäjoki Science Park** has units from five universities, 16 university research professors, 200 researchers and developers, a multidisciplinary university of applied sciences, and national Centres of Expertise for the food industry and intelligent technology. The Science Park area has quickly grown into a working environment for over 500 professionals and 1.000 students.

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