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#### **POHJOIS-SAVO REGION**

#### **Population**

250 000

#### Total area 20 366km²

waters 18% forest 66%

### **Municipalities**

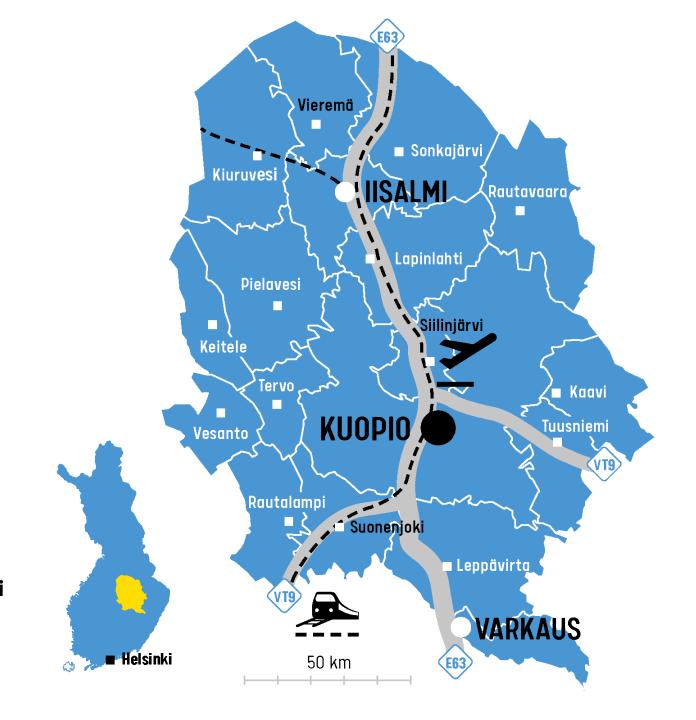
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## Largest towns

Kuopio 120 000 Siilinjärvi 22 000 Iisalmi 21 500 Varkaus 21 000

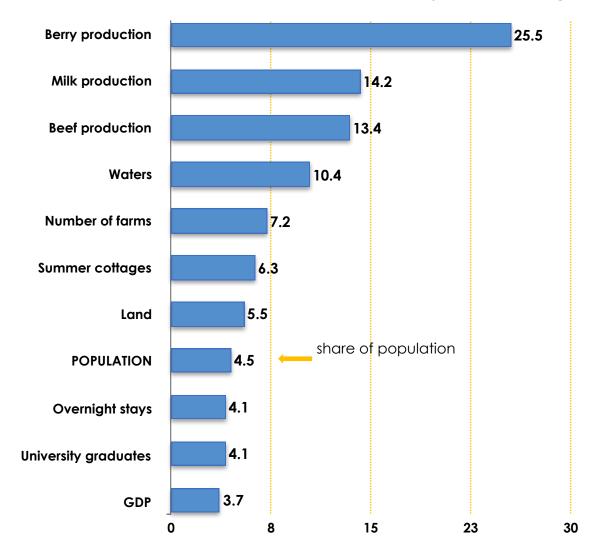
# Travel times Kuopio - Helsinki

4 hours
50 minutes



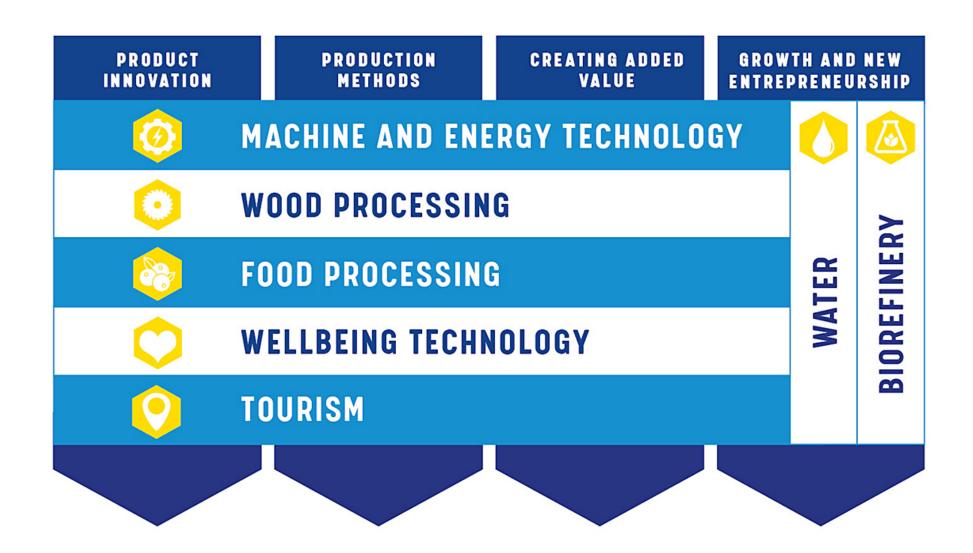
# **REGIONAL PROFILE OF POHJOIS-SAVO**

(percentage of Finland)



| GREATEST BRANCHES OF INDUSTRY POHJOIS-SAVO (turnover) |                |              |  |  |  |
|---|----------------|--------------|--|--|--|
|   | (EUR millions) | % of Finland |  |  |  |
| metal and<br>metal<br>products                        | 1304           | 2,2%         |  |  |  |
| wood and paper  | 932            | 4.2%         |  |  |  |
| food and<br>beverages                                 | 538            | 5.1%         |  |  |  |

# **SMART SPECIALISATION IN POHJOIS-SAVO REGION**



# THE SMART SPECIALIZATION STRATEGY OF POHJOIS-SAVO

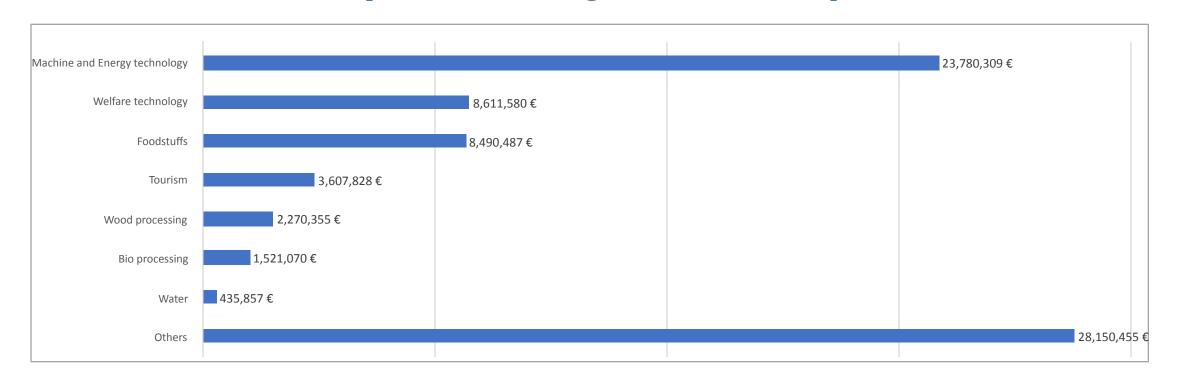
|  | PRODUCT INNOVATION   | PRODUCTION METHODS   | CREATING ADDED VALUE  | GROWTH AND NEW ENTREPRENEURSHIP   |
|--|--|--|---|---|
| MACHINE AND ENERGY<br>TECHNOLOGY             | <ul> <li>Fast product development with customer and manufacturing network</li> <li>Profitability</li> </ul>              | <ul> <li>Productivity, Quality, Lean,</li> <li>Management of production network</li> <li>Producibility and serviceability</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Customer-oriented and superior service concepts</li> <li>Life cycle services</li> <li>Energy efficiency</li> </ul>                 | <ul> <li>Start up partnership with big companies</li> <li>Growth and financing of small businesses</li> </ul>         |
| WOOD PROCESSING                              | <ul><li>New products</li><li>New products with bio-processing</li></ul>  | <ul> <li>Productivity and capacity increase</li> <li>Logistics</li> <li>Measuring technology</li> </ul>                              | <ul> <li>Wood construction</li> <li>Wood market development</li> <li>Energy fund for domestic raw materials only</li> </ul>                 | <ul> <li>Pulp investment and pulp / processed products</li> <li>Utilization of condensate water and sludge</li> </ul> |
| FOOD PROCESSING                              | Health and delicatessen demand<br>(milk, berry and fish products)  | Productivity and efficiency in grass,<br>dairy, beef and berries farming   | <ul> <li>Customer-oriented operation</li> <li>Traceability</li> <li>Use of intelligent packaging</li> <li>Recycling of nutrients</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Investments</li> <li>Retention of milk production volume</li> <li>Export</li> </ul>                          |
| WELLBEING TECHNOLOGY                         | <ul> <li>Well-being technology</li> <li>Innovative and personal medicines</li> <li>Contract Research Services</li> </ul> | Lean, automation, robotics,<br>sensors, software, artificial<br>intelligence and logistics   | <ul> <li>Service concepts, health promotion and effectiveness</li> <li>Energy Efficiency of real estate</li> </ul>                          | Personal health monitoring<br>technologies and services   |
| TOURISM                                      | <ul> <li>Product packages</li> <li>Int. product packages</li> <li>Nature, event and content travel</li> </ul>            | <ul><li>Commercialization</li><li>Methods of cooperation</li></ul>   | <ul> <li>Int. marketing, especially China</li> <li>Digitalization</li> <li>Social media channels</li> </ul>                                 | <ul> <li>Internationalization</li> <li>Visit Finland cooperation</li> <li>Nature tourism Concepts</li> </ul>          |
| WATER AND BIOREFINERY (Cross-cutting themes) | <ul> <li>Multidisciplinary solutions for<br/>water, industrial and agricultural<br/>water processes</li> </ul>           | <ul> <li>Monitoring and optimization of water and cleaning processes</li> <li>Digital Services</li> </ul>                            | ➤ A technology and development center R & D services for companies  | <ul> <li>Energy efficiency, decentralized<br/>energy production and reduction<br/>of emissions</li> </ul>             |

# SMART SPECIALIZATION TOTAL REGIONAL FUNDING 2014–2017 | 102 M€ \*)

**Innovation priorities** 

| Machine and Energy technology | 28,6 M€ | (28,1%) |
|-------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Wood and Bio Processing       | 21,4 M€ | (21,9%) |
| Foodstuffs                    | 20,9 M€ | (20,5%) |
| ealth Cluster                 | 22,3 M€ | (21,9%) |
| Water and Air                 | 8,7 M€  | (8,5 %) |

# Smart Specialisation in Pohjois-Savo region's total fundings in year 2018 (finance range €77 million)



63 % of finance is directed to Pohjois-Savo region's Smart Specializations choices.