

Specializing in bio- and circular economy in the Baltic Sea Region -the BSR Stars S3 project final seminar

26 March 2019, Tampere Hall, Finland

25 March

19:00 Welcoming dinner

26 March

8:15-8:45 Registration

8.45-8:50 **Welcome to the final seminar of BSR Stars S3**
Johanna Leino, Development Director, the Baltic Institute of Finland

8:50-9:00 **Welcoming words**
Petri Räsänen, Director, Innovation and Foresight, Council of Tampere Region

9:00-9:20 **Bio & Circular Finland program and examples of international opportunities**
Outi Suomi, Program Manager, Business Finland

9:20-9:40 **Practices and international prospects in textile circulation**
Pirjo Heikkilä, Senior Scientist, VTT Finland

9:40-10:15 **BSR cases:**

- STING Bioeconomy incubator, *Victor Isaksen*, CEO, Sting Bioeconomy, Sweden
- Trøndelag circular economy, *Per Erik Sørås*, Senior Advisor, County of Trøndelag, Norway
- Bioeconomy regional profiles, *Hannu Koponen*, Development Manager, Regional Council of Central Finland

10:15-10:30 Coffee break

10:30-12:00 **Workshop: New ways to involve business in bio-/circular smart specialization**
Moderator: Jukka Teräs, Nordregio

- What accelerates the circular economy transition – Catalyst approach and CICAT2025 Project, *Leena Aarikka-Stenroos*, Associate Professor, Tampere University
- How regions can facilitate Industrial symbiosis, *Sakari Ermala*, ECO3 & *Paul Nemes*, Paper Province
- The added value of transnational business coaching, *Mantas Vilys*, Lithuanian Innovation Centre & *Linus Arnold*, RISE Sweden
- Experiences from transnational innovation voucher pilot, *Torfi Johannesson*, Nordic Council of Ministers

12:00-13:00 Networking lunch

13:00-14:00 **Workshop for regional authorities:**
Discussion on future steps for S3 development in the Baltic Sea Region
Moderator: Alison Hunter, S3 expert

- BSR S3 Ecosystem Programme - next steps for macro-regional smart specialization

14:00-16:30 **Study visit to Hiedanranta - future smart and sustainable city district**

- Introduction to Hiedanranta circular visions, *Reijo Väliharju*, City of Tampere
- Site visits to Evergreen Farm and Carbofex biochar plant

