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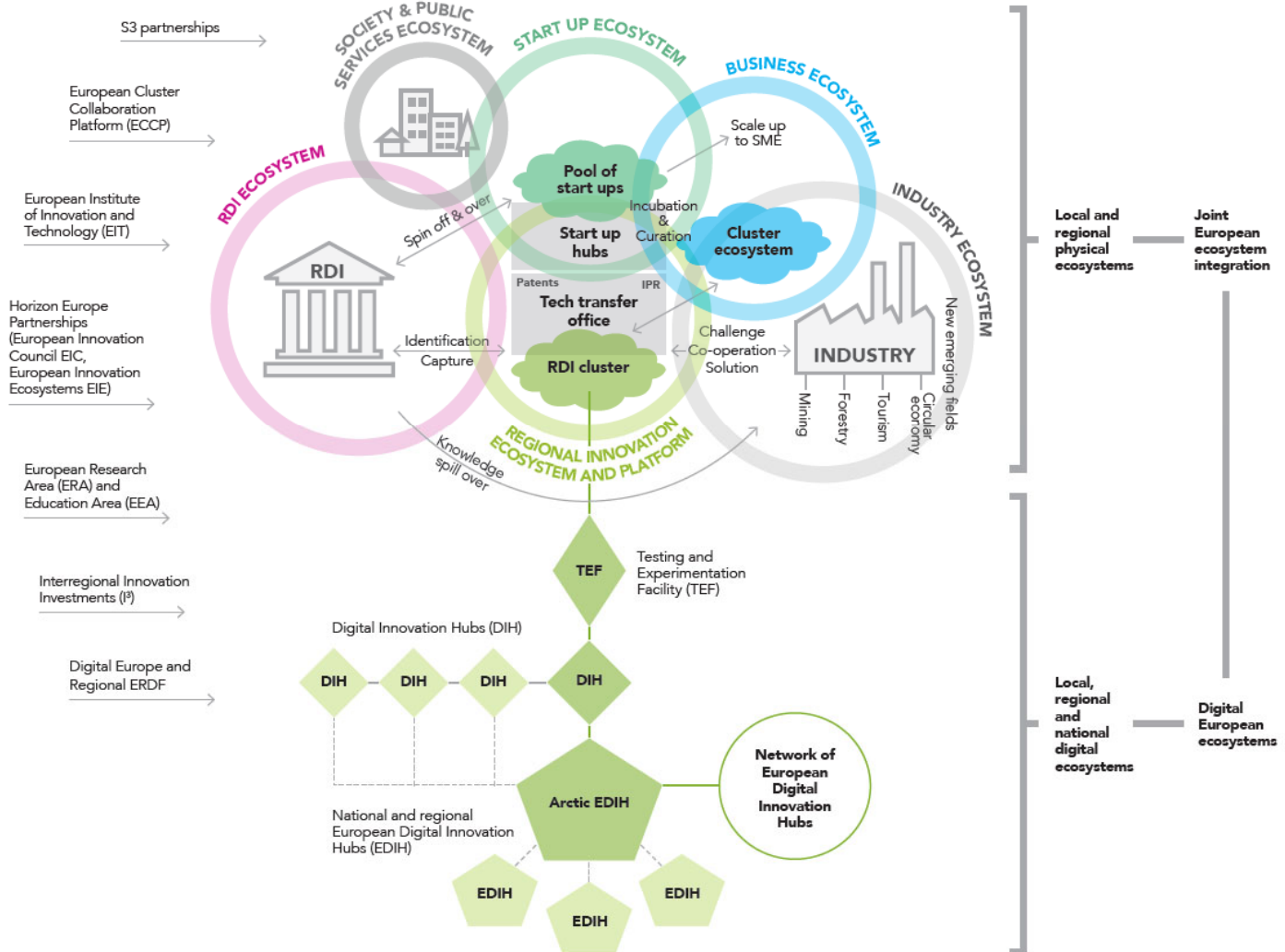
Lapland Innovation Eco-system update

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Basic building blocks for Regional Ecosystem in Lapland





We offer solutions

Through the Arctic Development Environments cluster, [the services of Lapland's RDI organizations](#) are available to companies and researchers on a one-stop-shop basis.

The cluster offers companies support at [different stages of the product development life cycle](#) and in finding suitable RDI funding.

For funders, the cluster provides foresight-based information about the technologies in the region and a service point to which funders can direct their clients.

With the help of the cluster, RDI organizations are able to respond to customer needs in a more comprehensive and agile way.

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For research, development, and innovation driven Lapland



Arctic Research Community is a partnership formed by

- University of Lapland
- Lapland University of Applied Sciences
- Geological Survey of Finland (GTK)
- Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke)

to boost research, development and innovation in Finnish Lapland.

Find the best of Lapland!

Search from development environments

1-3

From idea to demo - planning and prototyping

4-6

From demo to production model - from validation to solutions and model production

7-9

From field testing to production and to market replication

Development environments

TRL 7

Development environment	Industries	TRL-rating	Organisation	Evaluation
FrostBIT - Ohjelmistotekniikan laboratorio	Software development	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Lapland University of Applied Sciences	MORE
Hyvinvointipysäkki	Health and welfare	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Lapland University of Applied Sciences	MORE
Simulaatio- ja virtuaalikeskus ENVI	Health and welfare	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Lapland University of Applied Sciences	MORE
Hyvinvointipala Vira	Health and welfare	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Lapland University of Applied Sciences	MORE
Rakennus- ja yhdyskuntatekniikan laboratorio	Technology	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Lapland University of Applied Sciences	MORE
ONN-auto	Health and welfare	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Lapland University of Applied Sciences	MORE
Materiaalien käytettävyyden tutkimusympäristöt	Technology	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Lapland University of Applied Sciences	MORE
IoT-laboratory	Technology	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Lapland University of Applied Sciences	MORE
SINCO - Service Design Lab	Culture	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	University of Lapland	MORE
Outokumpu mineral processing pilot plant and laboratories - GTK Mintec	Natural Resources	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Geological Survey of Finland	MORE
National drill core archive	Natural Resources	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Geological Survey of Finland	MORE
Geomart - marine geology research vessel	Natural Resources	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Geological Survey of Finland	MORE
Research Laboratory	Natural Resources	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Geological Survey of Finland	MORE
Geophysical Laboratory	Natural Resources	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Geological Survey of Finland	MORE
Circular Raw Materials Hub	Natural Resources	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Geological Survey of Finland	MORE
ARCTA - Arctic Art & Design Labs	Culture	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	University of Lapland	MORE
Luka Agrifood: Bams	Natural Resources	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Natural Resources Institute Finland	MORE
Luka Agrifood: Fields	Natural Resources	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Natural Resources Institute Finland	MORE
Luka Aquas: Fish Farms and Research platform in water	Natural Resources	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Natural Resources Institute Finland	MORE
Luka Forest: Research Forests and Data	Natural Resources	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Natural Resources Institute Finland	MORE
Luka Agrifood: Greenhouses and simulation platforms	Natural Resources	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Natural Resources Institute Finland	MORE
Lapland UAS Sports Lab	Health and welfare	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Lapland University of Applied Sciences	MORE
Biolab	Natural Resources	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Lapland University of Applied Sciences	MORE
Arctic galleries	Culture	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	University of Lapland	MORE
BioARTech	Culture	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	University of Lapland	MORE
MUTElab	Culture	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	University of Lapland	MORE
Video and sound studio	Culture	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	University of Lapland	MORE
Wood industry and timber construction	Technology	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Lapland Vocational College	MORE

Innovation Readiness Levels

Based on the TRL scale, Innovation Readiness Levels (IRL) describe the process from an idea to a new product on the market.

The scale allows companies to assess the development stage of their innovations, as well as the levels at which the company operates. Developing innovations is often not a straightforward process, and the path can pass multiple times through the same level. Companies can also choose to operate on certain levels only, not aiming to go beyond that.

Innovation Readiness Levels are divided into three stages

IRL 1-3: From idea to product.

Developing a service/product/application from an idea to a prototype.

IRL 4-6: Towards the market.

Demo version tested. Production method identified and market research conducted.

IRL 7-9: Commercialisation

Ready for the market. Production and distribution methods selected, potential customers/clients identified.

- 1 Idea
- 2 Invention
- 3 Reality check
- 4 Preliminary prototype
- 5 Prototype
- 6 Functional prototype
- 7 Final product
- 8 Deliverable
- 9 Product placed on the market

Future

PRI

- Part of PRI Pilot; Mission based RIS, East-North Finland RIS strategy, Twin Trnsition, sustainable economies → Innovation driven SME's

RIV

- Expression of Intest East-North Finland; Achieving circularity, Reducing the reliance on fossil fuels, Increasing global food security, Mastering the digital transformation (including cybersecurity), Improving healthcare)

Start UP ecosystem

- established in 2022, a one-person startup support service for both universities, focusing on the development of startup ideas, product/services, and business models, customer-centric testing and idea validation, team building, early-stage funding, networks, etc. Collaboration with regional business developers: to ensure comprehensive support, students/staff members are advised to contact them at the latest when they're about to officially register their business.
- External funding has been applied for projects to create a more comprehensive support system for startup development:
 - Level Up Lapland: Developing a business studies module for the joint game studies program (received ESF+ funding)
 - Structures for Social Entrepreneurship in Lapland: Creating teaching materials on social entrepreneurship, spreading knowledge and practical know-how about this form of entrepreneurship. (ESF+, decision this autumn)
 - Lapland Startup Incubator and Ecosystem: Establishing a startup incubator and building the foundations for a regional startup ecosystem in collaboration with one vocational school and two business development organizations. (JTF, decision late 2023 / early 2024)