



REGIONAL COUNCIL OF
North Karelia

Letter of Support



Hereby, in my position as Region Mayor of the Regional Council of North Karelia, I am signing this *Letter of Support for the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) of the Thematic Smart Specialisation Partnership on Mining (S3P Mining Regions)*. The Regional Council of North Karelia, as the region's representative, is committed to the MoU and to implementing the S3P Mining Regions Strategy. The identified vision, mission and thematic areas affiliate with our region's Smart Specialisation Strategy 2021-2025.

North Karelia's vision of smart specialisation is "Reforming, sustainable and international North Karelia". Smart specialisation aims at solutions and investments that support business growth and innovation activities in key business sectors and related value networks. The objective is to promote the RDI activities that are a part of national and international networks and ecosystems. Particularly, thematic area of **Renewing Industry and Emerging Technologies** in Smart Specialisation strategy promotes circular economy solutions and industrial symbioses, mineral processing know-how, utilisation of secondary raw materials and mineral analytics.

Regional Council of North Karelia will encourage the stakeholders in the region to participate actively in the S3P Mining regions' joint initiative.

In Joensuu on 27th of November 2024

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Regional Council of North Karelia



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