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Seizing a **sustainable future** - **Sustainable Technologies** -

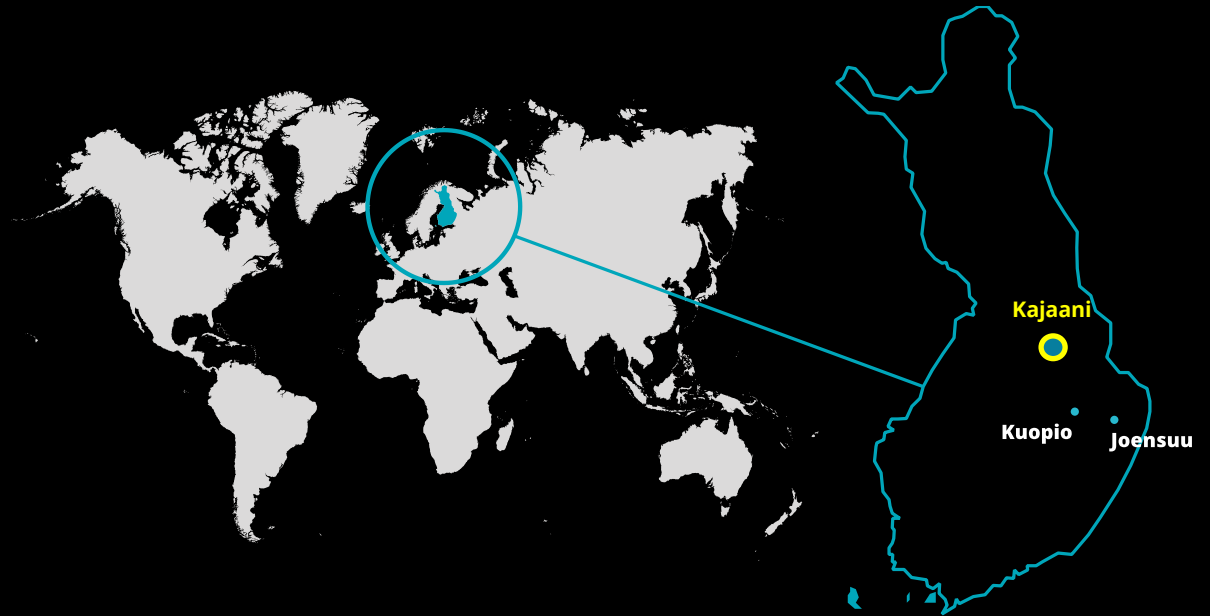
University of Eastern Finland

2 campuses

Joensuu | Kuopio

4 faculties

Philosophical Faculty
Faculty of Science, Forestry and Technology
Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Social Sciences and Business Studies



100

Major subjects

3,200

Members of staff

~17,000

Degree Students

1,200

International Degree Students



Teaching in engineering since 2023

- Sustainable technologies program (MSc tech) -

Two first enrollments -> ca. 90 students

- New Professors and other staff needed

At the same time, University level infrastructure program cuts back spaces on offices, workshops and labs by 15%

- Extensive reorganization of faculty research premises
 - Technical facilities, workshops, biorefining pilot setups, FabLab, etc. still required...

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Research and education infrastructure

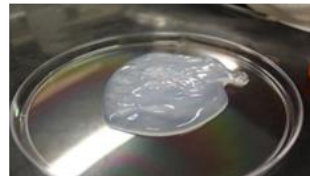
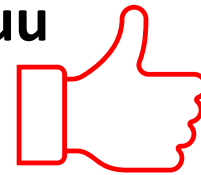
In Joensuu, key emphasis of infrastructure development focuses on Forest sciences, Photonics and Sustainable Technologies

Regional Council of North Karelia and city of Joensuu

➤ Development efforts with external funding

- ✓ Academy FIRI, EU Infra Networks
- ✓ ERDF Biopartnerit 2019-2021 (infra 500 k€)
- ✓ ERDF PUU-TKI 2022-2025 (infra €660k)
- ✓ ERDF AURA DI-DEVELOP 2022-2026 (infra €200k)
- ✓ JTF Puhtia-P-Karjalaan 2023-2026 (infra €800k)
- ... etc. etc. etc.

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Specific themes of interest in research

- ✓ Wood product weathering and decay performance
- ✓ Sustainability assessments on wood use
- ✓ **Education development** – next gen. challenges in engineering
- ✓ Wood modification and property analysis
- ✓ Antiviral activity of wood
- ✓ Wood and fungi – hybrid materials
- ✓ Wood building applications and use of recycled wood
- ✓ Cellulose and lignin biorefining
- ✓ Renewable energy and emissions
- ✓ Biomaterial applications (nanocelluloses, lignin...)
- ✓ Industry-Academia collaboration emphasized



**Generic skills
(5-year survey)**

**Work-life relevance
of study content**

**Assessment
methods**



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(CoV-2 inspired)
Antivirality of
wood-derived
chemicals

Solid surface
analysis methods



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Nanocellulose
applications

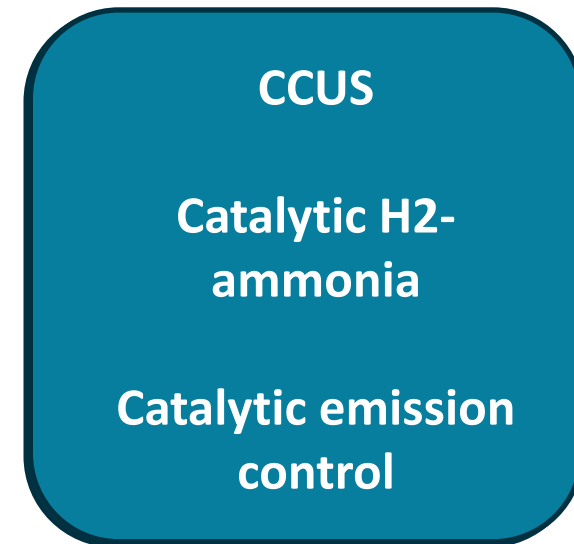
Fibre analysis

Catalytic lignin to
biochemicals



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Berner
Borealis
Fortum
John Deere
Neste
Ponsse
Spinnova
Stora Enso
UPM
Valmet
...
GTK/Luke/VTT
National SMEs



Forest bioeconomy showroom and technical piloting facilities (2026-ish)





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