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LIVESTREAM: From research to policy – High-level dialogue on the Nordic bioeconomy

To celebrate NKJ's 60th anniversary, NKJ are, together with SNS, highlighting one of our core priorities: turning scientific research into actionable policy that advances the Nordic bioeconomy. We'll host a livestreamed side event during the Nordic Ministers' annual meeting in Kuopio, Finland.



TIME: June 11, at 10:40–11:55 EEST (09:40–10:55 CEST)

Join us online to explore:

- How can we increase the impact of research in policymaking?
- What role can farmers, foresters, and policymakers play in shaping relevant research questions?
- How can the Nordic Council of Ministers help bridge the gap between research, policy, and practice?

Featuring experts from science, government, and practice:

- Minna Kaljonen, Finnish Environment Institute
- Mika Mustonen, Natural Resources Institute Finland
- Lars E Olsson, Ministry of Enterprise and Innovation, Sweden
- Hans de Neergaard, farmer and entrepreneur, Denmark

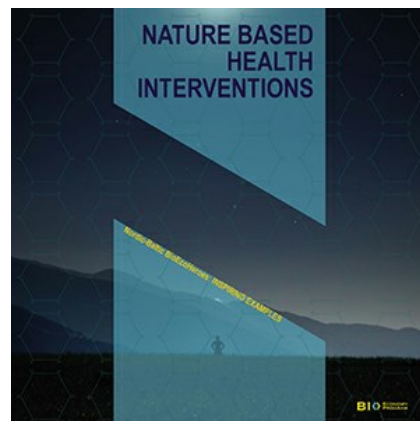
Moderator will be Kaisa Karttunen, University of Helsinki.

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The healing power of nature: an opportunity for rural entrepreneurship

For thousands of years, people have turned to nature for healing, recovery and remedies. Even today, nature can be an important source of health in the modern society. To promote wider use of Nature-Based Health Interventions (NBHIs), the Bioeconomy Programme has released a set of materials.

[Inspiration for entrepreneurs](#)



Great start for the Nordic Testbed Network Startup Roadshow 2025

On May 9 at Ouluzone, Finland, an exciting demonstration of remote-controlled forestry machines was arranged ([get to know more here](#)).

Highlights from the event included:

- Remote control of a forest forwarder across borders
- Insights into the collaboration between the University of Oulu and Skogforsk
- Hands-on testing of cutting-edge technology

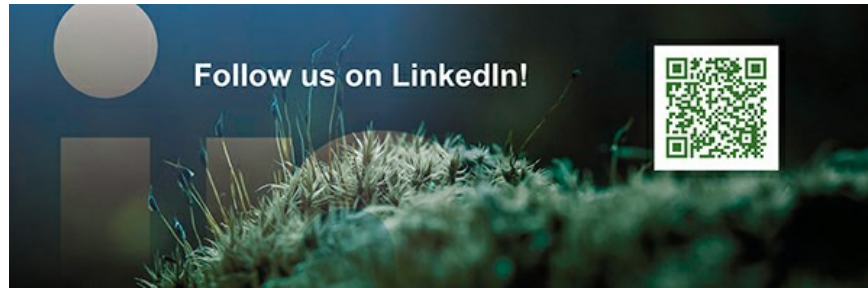


The event showcased how testbeds can connect researchers, tech companies, and machine manufacturers – and how Nordic collaboration drives innovation.

A big thank you to all participants making the day great, and to Ouluzone+ and Skogforsk for organizing!

We're looking forward to the next stop on the roadshow.

["Join" the event afterwards](#)



NKJ leaves X – follow us on LinkedIn

After careful consideration, NKJ has made the decision to leave the social platform X. This decision stems from growing concerns over the platform's direction under its current leadership, which we believe undermines democratic values.

X's allowance of unscientific claims, hate speech, and antidemocratic rhetoric, conflicts with our core principles. The platform's failure to adequately control harmful content compromises its role as a responsible forum for constructive discussion and knowledge sharing. Furthermore, the algorithms that govern the content prioritization on X are difficult to scrutinize and ensure transparency, and as such, we do not wish to contribute to a flow that may amplify harmful or misleading information.

As an organization committed to advancing science, democracy, and sustainability, we find it increasingly difficult to reconcile these values with the environment fostered by X. We will continue to engage with our communities and audiences through other channels that align better with our values.

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New NKJ-funded collaboration on cultivated meat

A new Nordic network will explore how cultivated muscle-cell based foods – like lab-grown meat and fish – can support sustainable food production.

With NKJ funding, the network brings together researchers, industry and policymakers to strengthen collaboration and identify Nordic research needs in this fast-moving field.

[Network presentation](#)

New NKJ network addresses land use change and climate impact on reindeer herding

NORSIL is focused on understanding the consequences of rapid land use changes due to industrialization and infrastructure projects, as well as the effects of climate change on Sámi reindeer herding. Through annual seminars and a strong network of collaboration across the Nordic countries, NORSIL aims to foster dialogue and provide final policy recommendations for decision-makers in Sweden, Norway, and Finland.

[More on the network activities](#)

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