



### FINPETRA - linking the North Karelia with Middle East

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Networkto-Network (N2N) MODEL

















## Network-to-Network (N2N) Model

**COMPANIES** 

HIE & NETWORK

Research **Business** 

education

**Public** administration

Bio economy Digitalization Energy Low-Renewable Smart 0 traffic carbon Cleantech Food system Circular economy

**BUSINESS** and **EXPORT** 

SELLING the idea of cooperation

**BUILDING TRUST for future business** 

FACILITATING the process

**CREATING OPPORTUNITIES by matchmaking** 

PREPARATION for sales pitch

NETWORKS created by HIEs

LEARNING business culture

CAPACITY BUILDING by experts

INTEREST by the company

DEMAND for the products and services

\*HIE = Higher Educational Institute

SUPPORT by peers















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#### Step 1

Company or SME in Finland shows interest towards target market and has relevant service or product to offer. HIEs role is to explore the target market demands and make the information available for the companies.

### Step 2

For the company, it is critical to learn the business culture and structure of the target market. HIEs role is to find best experts from it's networks for capacity building.

### Step 3

A company can make the first impression only once, thus a proper sales pitch and marketing materials are critical. HIE can help to direct those on a best way to the target market and to rise the interest of the key stakeholders and potential business partners.

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#### Step 4

It fastens the way if the company meets directly the most potential counterparts and business partners. HIEs role is to introduce the most potential ones from it's network, or based on the wishes of the companies, to help selling the idea of cooperation on a best way.

#### Step 5

Face-to-face meetings create the best background for building trust for long-term cooperation with companies and the potential customers. HIE can facilitate the process by organising meetings and helping with the practicalities in new target market – and also help to avoid the easy mistakes.

### Step 6

In a long run, the best help for business and export can be received from the more experienced peers, either other companies or business support organisations. HIEs role is to create these networks e.g. by organising joint activities or by sharing contacts.

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