



Biokarelia: Border Area Biodiversity Network

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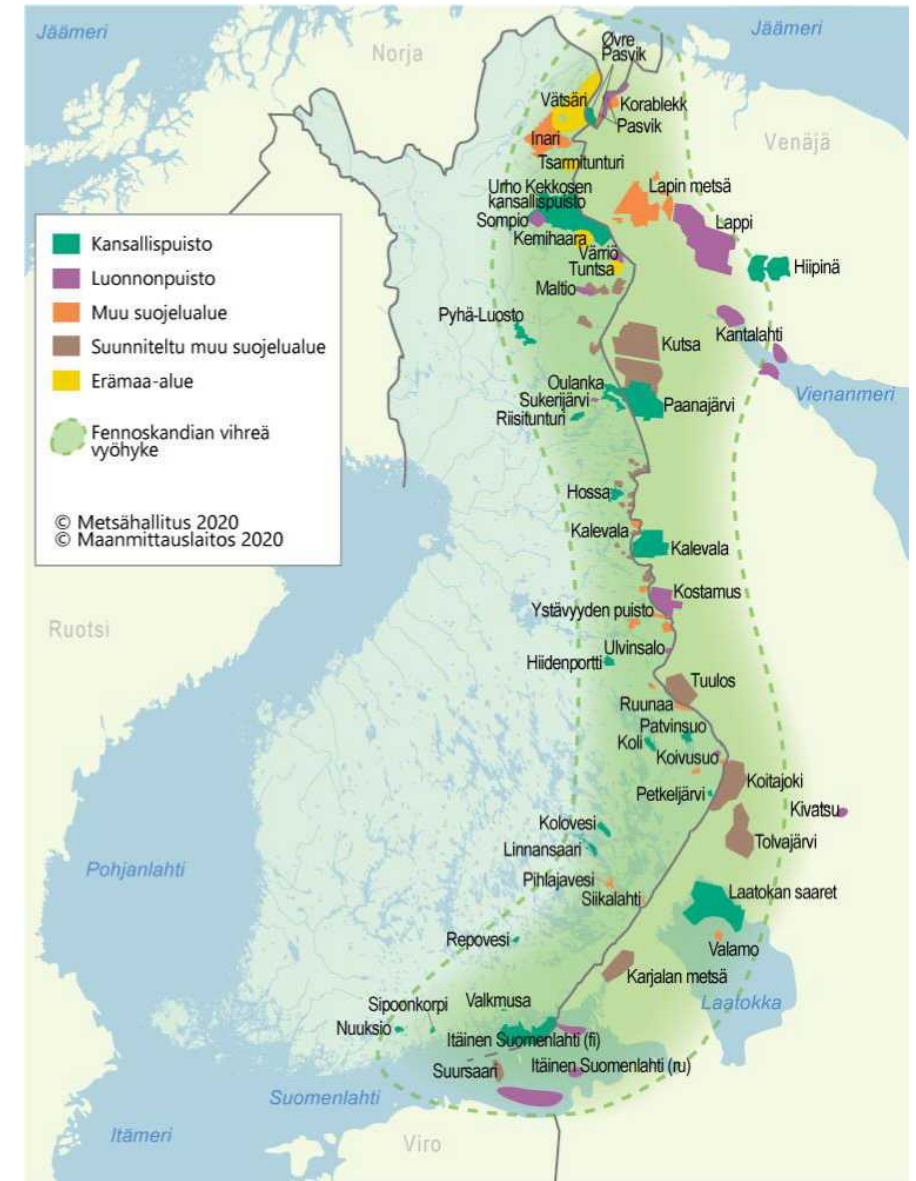


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North Karelia Biosphere Reserve



Background

- Finnish - Russian border is a 1300 km ecological testbed – Green Belt of Fennoscandia
 - large nature reserves close to the border area
 - ecologically fragmented
 - many reserves well studied
- Knowledge and data exist but scattered, there are interested people but better interaction especially across the border needed



Purpose of the network

- to collect a group of specialists
- to collect and distribute existing species and border area information
- to improve understanding of species diversity and its changes
- to fill in knowledge gaps and advance international research
- to provide information



Networking goals

- **combining various approaches** to increase diversity information
- **understanding better** the interaction between large Russian and Finnish forest areas
- **understanding better forest species distribution and diversity patterns**
- **developing diversity tools**
- **creating** new research initiatives
- **raising the visibility** of the border area biodiversity



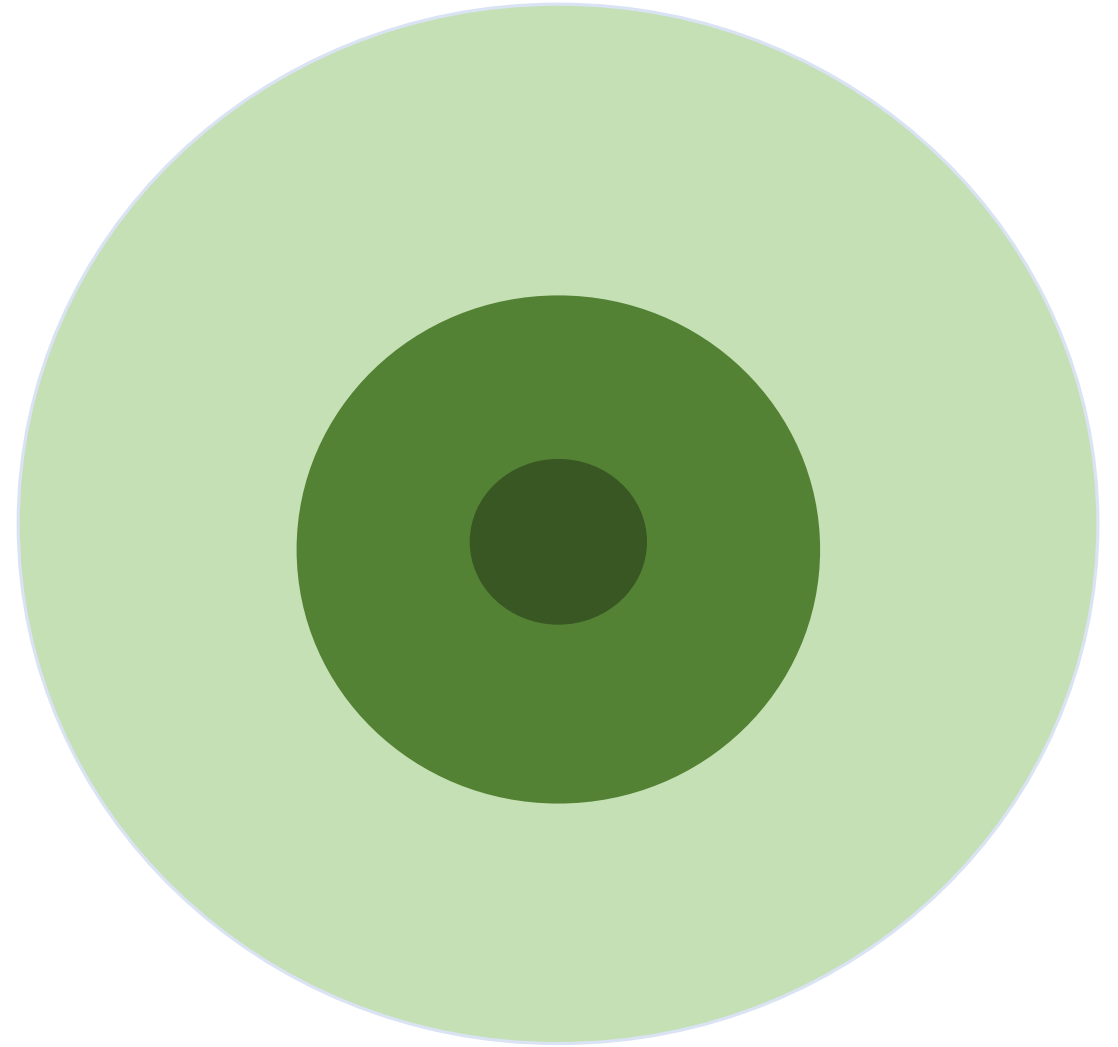
Biokarelia assets for the network

- background data
- resources to gather people
- online platform
- co-op
 - on development of maps and their distribution
 - for research projects

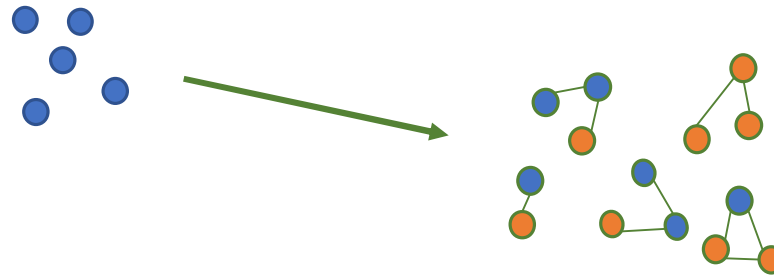


Who can join?

- The network benefits from experts from different fields
- Different roles in the network – choose what suits best



Roadmap



1st stage

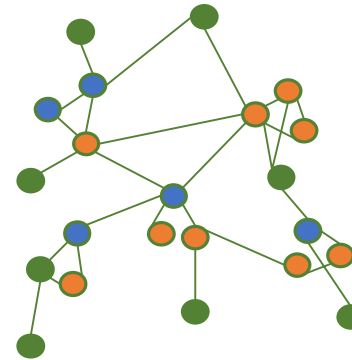
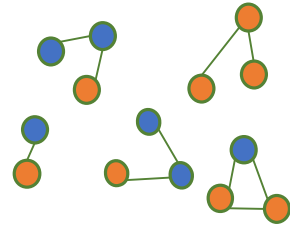
- **spring and summer 2021**
- **invitations**
- **discussions**
 - background: participants, personal goals and ambitions, institutional goals; national, international goals
- **defining**
 - the forms of action and long term and short-term goals



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2nd stage

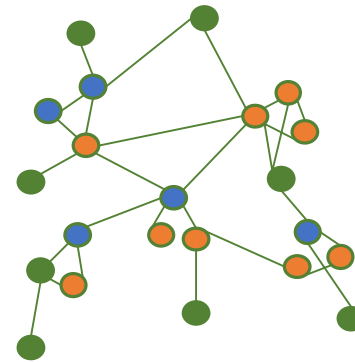
- autumn 2021 – spring 2022
- compiling work plan
 - collection of background info and making the results public
 - using the existing assets of various actors to compile new, interesting approaches
 - finding direct benefits of co-operation
 - joint efforts for applying funding for new studies
- inviting more experts



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3rd stage

- after the end of the Biokarelia project (2022)
- new studies
- continuation of the network actions



You are welcome to join!



Contact us if you are interested to hear more or join the network!

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Read more about the project: [CBC Biokarelia webpage](#)

Article about the project (in Finnish, pages 20-22): [Kaarna](#)

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