## Smartness

## Excelence

## Innovation driven Laband

Continuing the remarkable work of the Arctic Smartness Excellence project, Arctic Smartness RDI-Excellence project launches the Lapland regional research, development and innovation centre of excellence. Four Lappish research institutions - University of Lapland, Lapland University of Applied Sciences, Natural Resources Institution Finland (Luke) and Geological Survey of Finland (GTK) - collaborate in building a solid base for future RDI possibilities.

To take action this project introduces a concrete roadmap that defines operators, cooperation models, roles of research in RDI-activities and a common use of research and development infrastructure. This creates an organisational boundary-crossing cooperation structure of research and multidisciplinary strategic research groups together with the enterprises.

The Arctic Smartness RDI-Excellence project increases the international level know-how of innovation ecosystems in an attempt to start cooperation between Lappish and other European centres of expertise. The vision is to provide more resources to the development of a research, development and innovation driven Lapland.

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