#### **EnergyWeek**

## Powered by Space – Space technologies and energy transformation

Tuesday 12 March | 15:00 - 17:00 Music Hall

Sustainable Energy and climate change are some of the most challenging topics that need to be addressed right now. 'How do we get to a sustainable energy system by conforming to the limitations brought about by the climate change agreement'? And 'how do we transition to a low carbon economy?' are questions that cannot be addressed easily. Moreover, the energy transition involves many actors and stakeholders that make finding a solution even more demanding.

Space technologies and solutions can have a prominent role in addressing some of the energy related challenges. There is an exponential growth of available space-based data world-wide, including Earth Observation (EO), Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS), Geographic Information System (GIS), satellite communication as well as weather and sea state information, both as open source and via commercial data providers. The rapid advances in space technology enabling the wealth of data have opened various opportunities for many industry sectors. This seminar focuses on the benefits and applications of space technology and data for the energy sector – especially for the energy transformation and a greener future.

# Powered by Space – Speakers and Topics

15:00 - 15:10 Opening words – Kvarken Space Center & Space Data for Energy Transition



Prof. Heidi Kuusniemi

Director, Digital Economy & Kvarken Space Center University of Vaasa

15:10 - 15:30 Opportunities of Space – A Finnish Economy Perspective



<u>Tero Vihavainen</u> Chief specialist, Space Affairs, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment

#### 15:30 - 15:50

Geospatial information utilisation in the energy sector



Maria Inkiläinen

Product Manager Fortum Power and Heat

#### 15:50 - 16:10 Wind Resource Assessments and Geospatial Data/GIS



#### Jukka Rönnlund

Project Manager, Partner Etha Wind Oy Ab

#### 16:10 - 16:25 Harmonizing Profit and Planet: Geo-Informed Environmental Accounting



Mikko Ranta

Associate Professor University of Vaasa

#### 16:25 - 16:30 Copernicus User Forum Finland in 5 Minutes



Dr. Ali Nadir Arslan

Senior Scientist, Finnish Meteorological Institute & Adjunct Professor, Fellow, University of Vaasa

16:30 - 17:00 SPACE meets ENERGY, PANEL DISCUSSION



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