

Work for the Future in Finland



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Finland's competitiveness is based on innovation & high technology

- ▶ Finland ranked as the most competitive country in the world by World Economic Forum's Growth Competitiveness Index.
- ▶ Competitiveness is based on investments made in know-how, innovations and technologies.
- ▶ These have created Finland's first class know-how, making Finland one of the world's leading industrial countries.
- ▶ However, in a small country like Finland we really need to focus and network nationally, and globally.



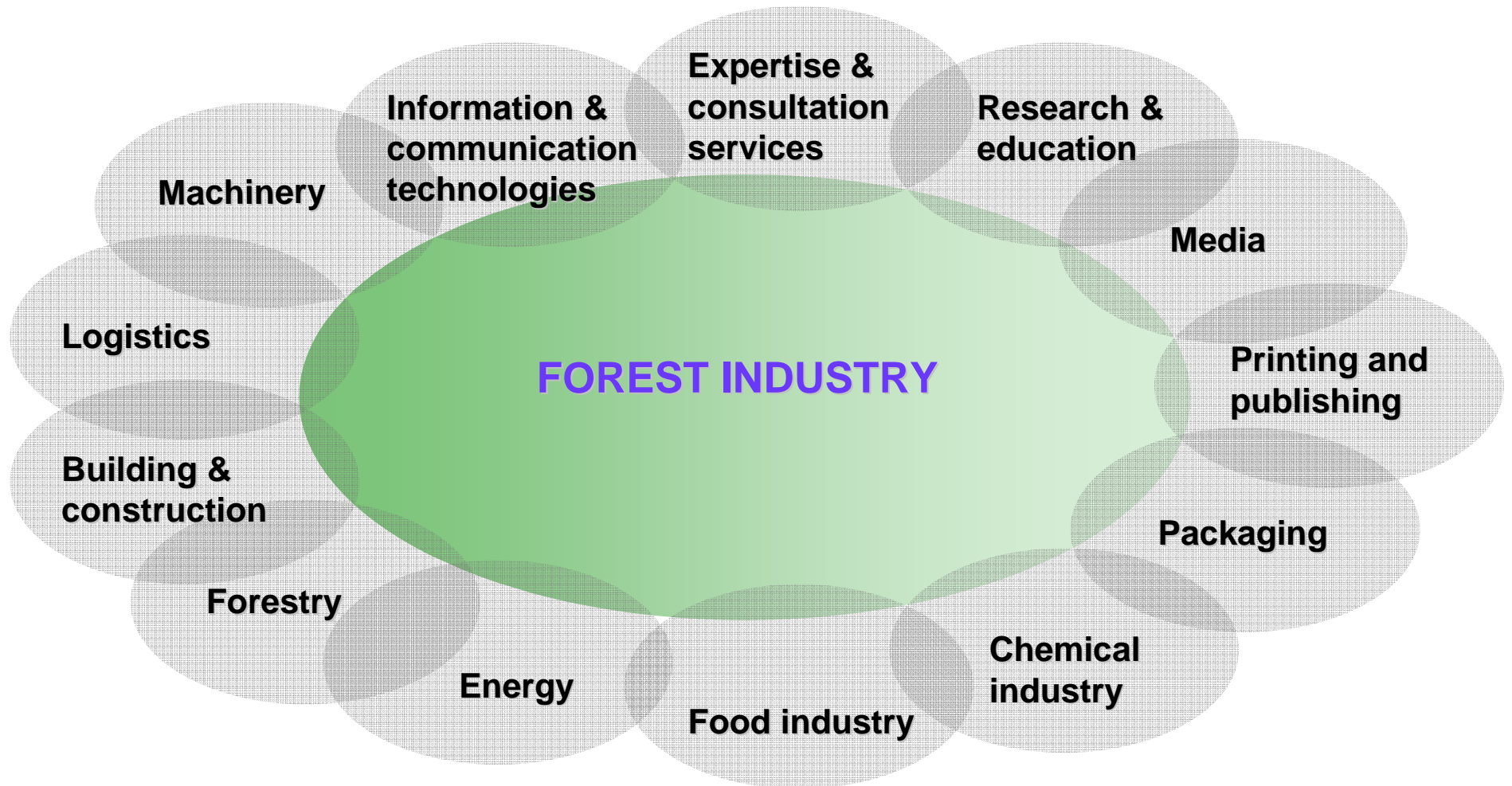
The strength of the Finnish forest industry's R&D lies in the knowledge, technology and quality of the whole cluster

- ▶ Strong forest cluster
- ▶ Modern production facilities and high technology
- ▶ Good infrastructure
- ▶ First-class educational system
- ▶ High-quality products
- ▶ Close cooperation between the actors in the value chain



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Finnish forest cluster

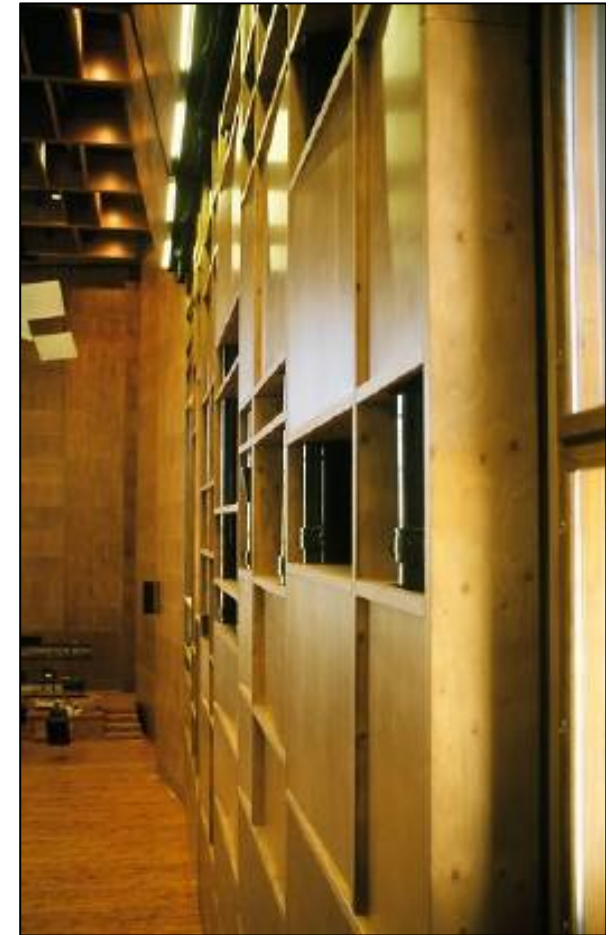


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Research agenda for the Finnish Forest Cluster

- ▶ European Forest-Based Sector Technology Platform as a starting point.
- ▶ A high-level group established to steer the implementation of the platform in Finland.
- ▶ A common vision and action plan is needed on the national level.
- ▶ Research agenda will line the priorities of the precompetitive research of the Finnish forest cluster.



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How will the Finnish Research Agenda be made?

- ▶ Priorities are drafted in five value chains.
- ▶ Concrete work will be done by the project group with other experts.
- ▶ High-level group, in which different actors of the forest cluster are members, will steer the work and make the decisions.
- ▶ Finnish Forest Industries Federation will coordinate the work.
- ▶ You can follow up the preparation of the agenda (in Finnish):
www.forestindustries.fi



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Timetable for the Research Agenda

- ▶ Research priorities ready in June 2006
- ▶ Launching the research agenda in September 2006





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