Welcome to North Karelia:

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North Karelia – the easternmost edge of the continental Europe

- 165 000 inhabitants (< 8 inhabitants / km²)
- Region 21 585 km² - lakes 3 803 km²
- 300 km border with Russia
- North to south 240 / East to West 153 km
- Annual forest growth 9.15 million m³
  – forest usage about 4.8 million m³
- Temperatures from +37°C to -42°C
- “Forest Bioeconomy Region”
Forest bioeconomy cluster in North Karelia:

~ 500 companies
- ~ 6 000 jobs
- 1,7 billion € - turnover
- 600 specialists (R&D, education and public administration)
- 1350 jobs, 160 M€ - renewable energy
Main goals:
The share of renewable energy of total: 100% by 2025
Increasing the use of wood energy of total: 64% by 2025
Growth in the turnover of bioeconomy by one billion € by 2025 (1.7 billion € 2014)
Net reduction of greenhouse gas emissions: 80% by 2030 (from 2007)
North Karelia Regional Plan
Thank You!

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