



Hello network!

We are happy to welcome both old and new readers to our quarterly newsletter! The purpose of this letter is to keep you updated on what is happening across the network and to share relevant topics. Don't hesitate to contact us with any input or ideas on what to highlight here!

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Next up: Webinar on data management, June 3rd, 10–12 CET

How can we approach issues related to data access, reliability, and security? These are some of the questions that we will approach at the webinar.

Many thanks to all testbed representatives that have provided us with valuable input on the theme for the webinar. Data management has been highlighted as relevant by several and will therefore be our focus this time. We will keep the other suggestions in the pipeline for future activities.



Save the date: June 3rd, 10-12 CET. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

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We welcome testbeds from the blue bioeconomy – please help us spread the word!

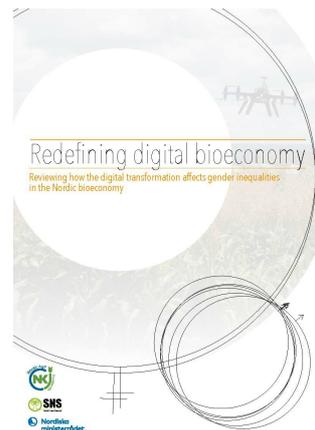
We are happy to let you know that the Nordic Testbed Network will now be expanded to include testbeds from the blue bioeconomy, supported by the [Nordic Council of Ministers' working group on fisheries](#). Do you have ideas of testbeds encompassing fisheries or aquaculture engaged in digitalising the Nordic bioeconomy? Or people with an interest in this area that would be interested in joining the network? Please put us in contact!

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New report reviewing how the digital transformation affects gender inequalities in the Nordic bioeconomy

The bioeconomy is largely male dominated. Moving towards a digital bioeconomy, the sector is married with the even more heavily male dominated tech industry. This imposes the question of how the gender balance in the sector will be affected as the digital transformation permeates the bioeconomy. The newly published report “[Redefining digital bioeconomy](#)” sets out to answer this question by reviewing existing literature on the topic.

The review constitutes the first step in the [Bioequality project](#) and will serve as a foundation for informed discussions and decisions for action. The project is funded by three organisations linked to the [Nordic Council of Ministers](#), SNS,



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InRoad prepares students for a career in the digital age

The digitalisation of the bioeconomy brings new demands on capabilities and skills among students and workforce. In collaboration with other universities, representatives from one of the network's testbeds, [OuluZone](#), have recently initiated a project addressing this issue. The InRoad project will develop a new intensive course programme for cross-disciplinary road infrastructure design in a digital age.

"Providing our students with the right mindset from the very beginning of their professional life is extremely important. Most companies these days spend huge amounts of money to guide the existing workforce into the digital age, and it is not trivial. Our students will be frontrunners and will be able to push this development even further unleashed as professionals." says Erik Kjems, PhD, Division of Transport and Engineering, Aalborg University.

The project is a collaboration between Aalborg University, Jönköping University, NTNU and University of Oulu, and is funded by EU Erasmus and program for strategic partnerships for higher education.

[Information about InRoad](#)

Finnish AgriHubi Network promotes farm business management and digitalisation

Farm Business Competence Network Finland is a new national initiative that brings together research, advice and education and builds interaction with other actors in the food system. The aim of the collaborative network is to promote and facilitate scientific knowledge into the better use of farm enterprises.



The AgriHubi Network promotes cooperation between actors and builds new connections thematically. Main themes are farm business management, knowledge management and smart farming.

[Read what Sari Forsman-Hugg and Liisa Personen say about the network](#)



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