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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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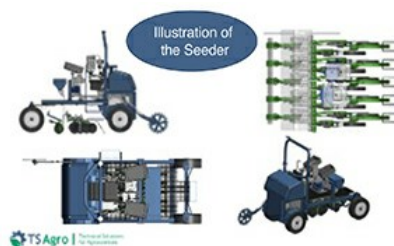


Illustration: TSAgro

New member to the network:

Technical Solution for Agro Science (TSAgro)

We welcome Morten Nygaard and Technical Solution for Agro Science (TSAgro) to the network! TSAgro is a Danish company that integrates autonomous machinery, soil sensors, and advanced data management systems to enable detailed insights into crop performance and soil conditions. We're excited for this new addition!

[Read more about TSAgro on the website](#)



Successful 3rd Nordic Field Trial Network Conference

The Nordic Field Trial Network, coordinated by NTN member Agrotech, hosted its 3rd conference recently, bringing together researchers, experts, and practitioners from across the Nordic and Baltic regions to share knowledge and explore innovative solutions in the field trial sector. The conference was co-organised by LUKE and DTL. Highlights from the conference include:

- 13 insightful presentations from experts across

four countries, covering topics such as crop research, drone spraying technology, autonomous machinery, and potato research.

- Three interactive working groups where participants could dive into themes like drones in field trials, NFTS, and brainstorming ideas for cross-border projects.
- A field visit to two experimental stations in Finland, featuring lab and machinery demonstrations as well as a live spraying drone demonstration.
- Ample opportunities for networking and knowledge exchange during coffee breaks and evening dinners, strengthening professional connections across the network.

The conference gathered 48 participants in person and five online, all representing the 180 members of the Nordic Field Trial Network spanning six countries in the Nordic and Baltic regions.

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Photo: Nicolai Fog Hansen

[All presentations from the conference available on the network's website](#)

The Drone Center Sweden testbed incorporated in Västervik Drone Science Park (VDSP)

During 2024, former Drone Center Sweden with more than ten years of experience of drones and founder of UAS Forum Sweden (Sweden's oldest and largest drone conference), was incorporated into Västervik Drone Science Park (VDSP).

The reorganization's aim is to secure continued development, broaden and scale up operations. The goal is to contribute even more to strengthening R/D, innovation within unmanned technology (in air, land and water) and the drone industry at large. Founder of Drone Center Sweden Urban Wahlberg, continuous to work within VDSP as Senior Advisor Aero/UAS and Technical Manager.

Västervik Drone Science Park (VDSP) is a member within [SISP – Swedish Incubators & Science Parks](#) which is an important part of Sweden's innovation ecosystem driving the nation forward. VDSP is a foundation owned, business-driven non-profit, where any surplus is reinvested in the business.

[More information is found here](#)



Finding innovative solutions - a new project from HORIZON for Estonia and Latvia

The project Marine Technology Excellence Hub for Sustainable Blue Economy in the Baltics (MarTe) is an initiative funded by the Horizon Europe programme, aimed at advancing top-level marine research and innovation in the Baltic Sea region and strengthening cooperation between research institutions, businesses, public sector and coastal communities of Estonia and Latvia,

and beyond. We aim to address several areas of the blue economy linked to the marine monitoring, maritime transport and novel energy sources. One of the project goals is to create a testbed concept for the respective technologies, to boost blue economy success in both countries.

Environment Investment Centre of Estonia is the leading partner of MarTe, and all together 13 institutions representing research, NGO, industries and national authorities are the participants.

Photo: Anda Ikauniece, from the kick-off meeting of MarTe, Pärnu, Estonia, 6-7 February 2025

[More information on the initiative](#)



Agritech accelerator offers unique collaboration possibilities with leading industrial partners

Jamk University of Applied Sciences, together with Valtra, AGCO Power, Neste, Lantmännen, and Innovestor, launches its second international bioeconomy and agritech accelerator programme, as part of the Finnish Future Farm project. The

programme is designed for agricultural technologies, new business models, and scalable innovations along the food value chain to meet the growing demand for food safety, digitalization and sustainability, which are key to slowing down the pace of climate change.

The programme kicks off in August 2025, and registration is open until March 31, 2025.

The call is especially for startups focused on:

Smart Farming solutions

Future energy sources and powertrain solutions for agricultural machinery and farming equipment

Emission calculation and ESG reporting in food value chain

Photo: Jamk University of Applied Sciences

[Call for the BioBoosters Accelerator Programme is open – apply now!](#)

The UAS Forum Sweden conference is held in cooperation with WASP- WARA-PS Research arena

UAS Forum Sweden 2025 (20-21 May in Västervik) is the 10th anniversary of Sweden's oldest and largest drone conference, where drone Sweden's most influential and leading profiles meet. The theme for the 2025 conference is dual use/multi use with a focus on civil and military cooperation and innovation, but also other relevant elements and good examples.

New for this year is that the conference is arranged under the auspices of [Västervik Drone Science Park](#), moved to spring and to [Gränsö Castle](#), and most of the lectures are in English due to increased international interest.

Also new is closer collaboration with [WASP-WARA-PS Data Collection Week](#) (funded by the Knut and Alice Wallenberg Foundation) which conducts practical drone research in air, on land, and on/under water, in direct connection with the conference.

What remains unchanged is that the founder, Urban Wahlberg, of course continues to be the conference and program manager, which guarantees an exciting program and experience. Looking forward to seeing you there!

[Find more information here](#)



Welcome to Nordics biggest agrotechnology & investor event



Join the Smart Bioeconomy Testbed in Agritech & Sustainable Food Chain VentureDays, happening May 27–28, 2025 at Bioeconomy Campus in Central Finland. The event connects agrifoodtech innovators with venture capital and investors, fostering growth, networking, and cooperation. The Smart Bioeconomy Testbed offers cutting-

edge testing and research services for AgTech, combining a physical and virtual Smart Farm environment with the services of our BioBoosters by Jamk business accelerator.

Specializing in helping startups and industry leaders build profitable businesses in digital AgTech, the accelerator connects businesses with top partners, while the testbed provides essential testing and research services.

Recently, Jamk won the bid to coordinate EIT Food Test Farms in the Nordic countries, expanding their ability to offer real-world farm testing tailored to different needs. They are also developing Living Lab services that leverage these test farms and welcome collaboration with other NTN testbeds to support AgTech innovation.

Bioeconomy Campus. Photo: Jamk University of Applied Sciences

[Registration is open: AgriVenture Finland 2025 | Jamk](#)

New annual drone event: Student Aeronautical Event Sweden (SEAS)

Student Aeronautical Event Sweden (SEAS) is a new annual drone event supported by Västervik Drone Science Park (VDSP) to get going! It's (June 12, 2025, Västervik) organized by university aero teams from Chalmers university, KTH (Royal Institute of Technology) and LiU (Linköping University), in collaboration with Västervik Drone Science Park.

The purpose of the event is to strengthen the national network among universities, companies and the aerospace industry, while generating student interest.

Each university will showcase their aircraft, their achievements over the past year and their vision for the future of student aeronautics. The teams will participate in various competitions; therefore each aircraft will be designed with different aspects in mind.

[Find more information here](#)

Some tips from the Nordic Testbed Network reference group

The reference group for the Nordic Testbed Network met digitally on March 3rd. This group consists of experts from different fields within the bioeconomy and the funding system in the Nordic region, and is helping us to make sure the activities in the network are relevant and keeping us up to date with what's new in the field.

The reference group recommends you to keep an eye on:

- Upcoming webinar from agrifoodTEF on **Boosting AI & Robotics in AgTech**, March 26th
- Upcoming Horizon Europe **Cluster 6 information days**, May 20-21

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