



# Natural Resources Institute Finland (LUKE) and Oji Holdings Corporation. Announce Strategic Collaboration in Bioeconomy

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The Natural Resources Institute Finland (LUKE) and Oji Holdings Corporation are pleased to announce the initiation of a strategic collaboration aimed at fostering innovation and development in the fields of bioeconomy, bio-circular economy, and forest bioeconomy. This partnership is formalized through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by both parties.

## **Purpose and Objectives**

The primary objective of this MoU is to establish a cooperative relationship that promotes ecosystem collaboration, research, development, and innovation (RDI) between LUKE and Oji Holdings Corporation. The collaboration will focus on enhancing mutual interests in several key areas, including:

- Green transition and Climate-smart solutions within the industry
- Bioeconomy and bio-circular economy
- Forest bioeconomy and Forest value chain collaboration

## **Scope of Cooperation**

This partnership aims to leverage the strengths and expertise of both organizations to drive innovation and sustainable development in the forest-bioeconomy sector. By joining forces, LUKE and Oji Holdings Corporation. are committed to advancing research and development initiatives that will benefit both Finland and Japan, fostering region-to-region projects and enhancing global collaboration.

### **About LUKE**

The Natural Resources Institute Finland (LUKE) is a leading research organization dedicated to promoting sustainable use of natural resources in the Nordics. With a focus on bioeconomy and circular economy, LUKE conducts cutting-edge research to support the development of innovative solutions for a sustainable future.

### **About Oji Holdings Corporation**

Oji Holdings Corporation is engaged in pulp, paper and packaging business globally and prominent organization in the forest value-creation and promotion sector. With a commitment to sustainable practices and innovation, Oji Holdings Corporation plays a crucial role in advancing the forest bioeconomy and promoting green transition initiatives.

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