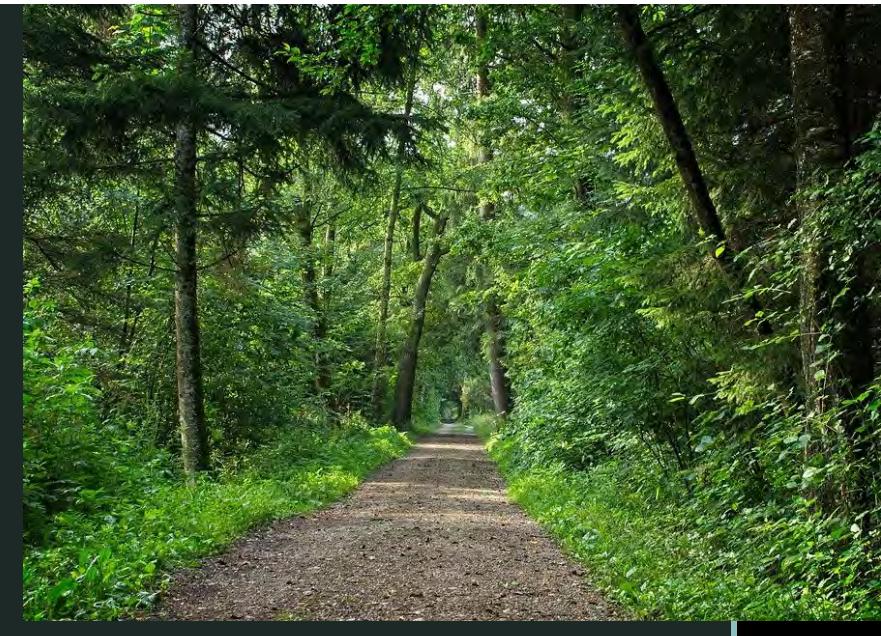




In the middle of  
The Web of  
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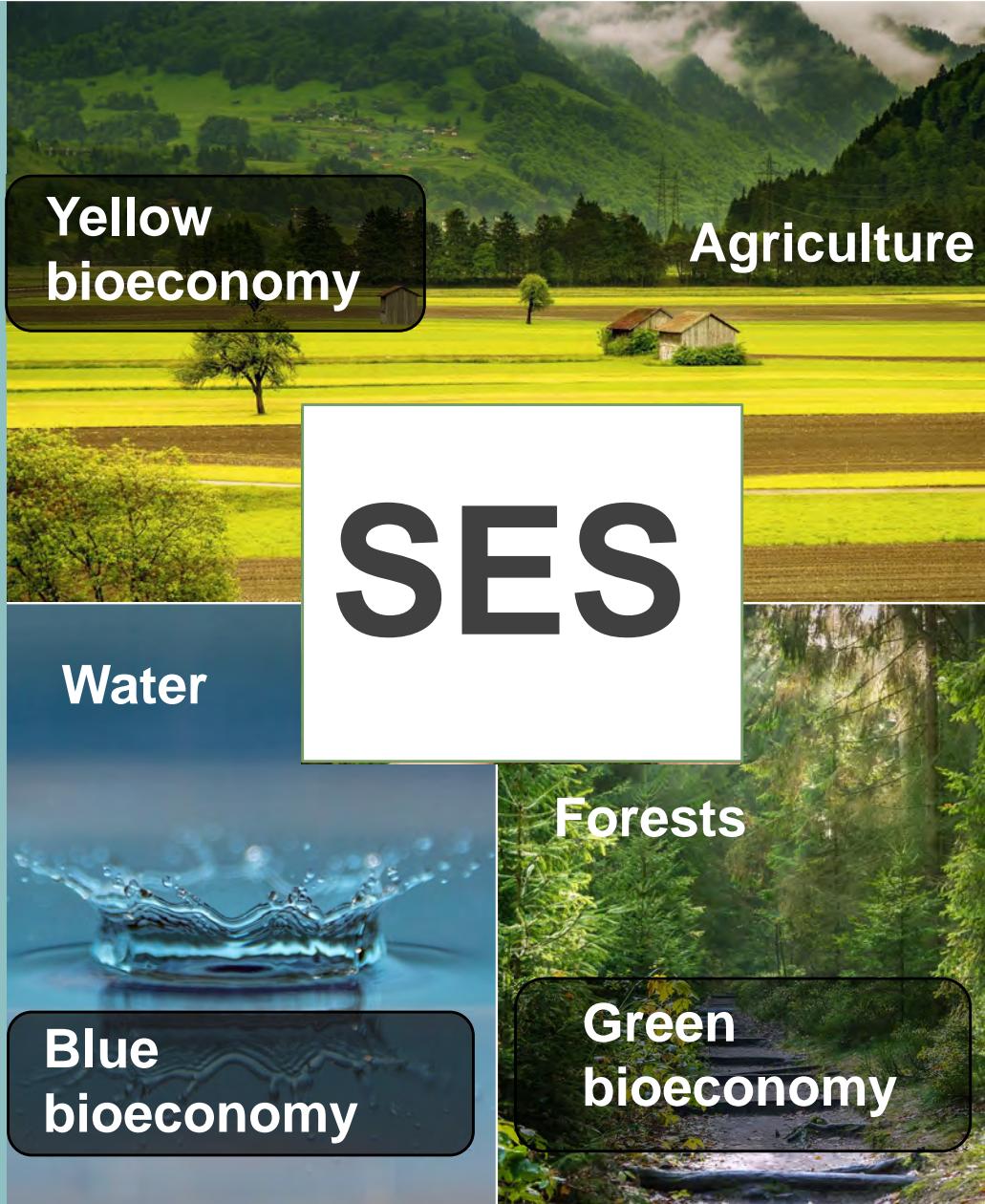


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Reality







## It's Now or Never?

- *'Our forests, rivers, oceans and soils provide us with the food we eat, the air we breathe, the water we irrigate our crops with.'*

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# Background



Masters in Social Sciences,  
environmental policy, UEF  
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**Experience:** Rural business  
networks, Eastern Finland  
and Indonesia since 2004.



**The main interests** related to  
digital divide, yellow, green  
and blue bioeconomy



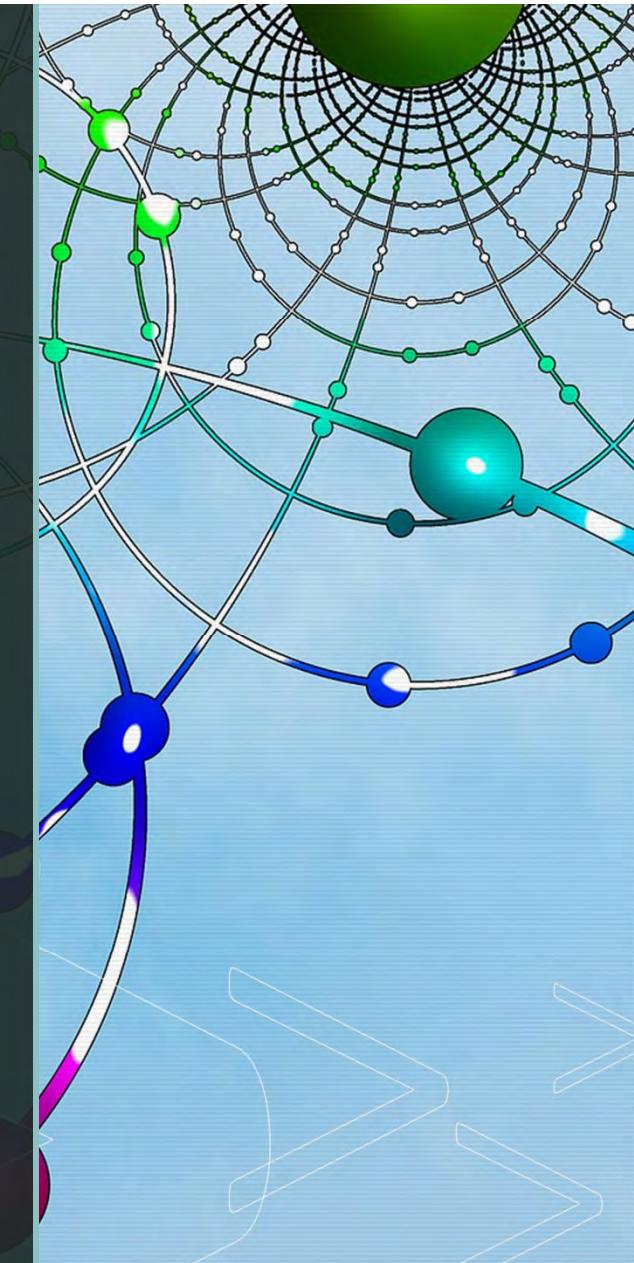
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# Mission

An easy and meaningful digital networking platform

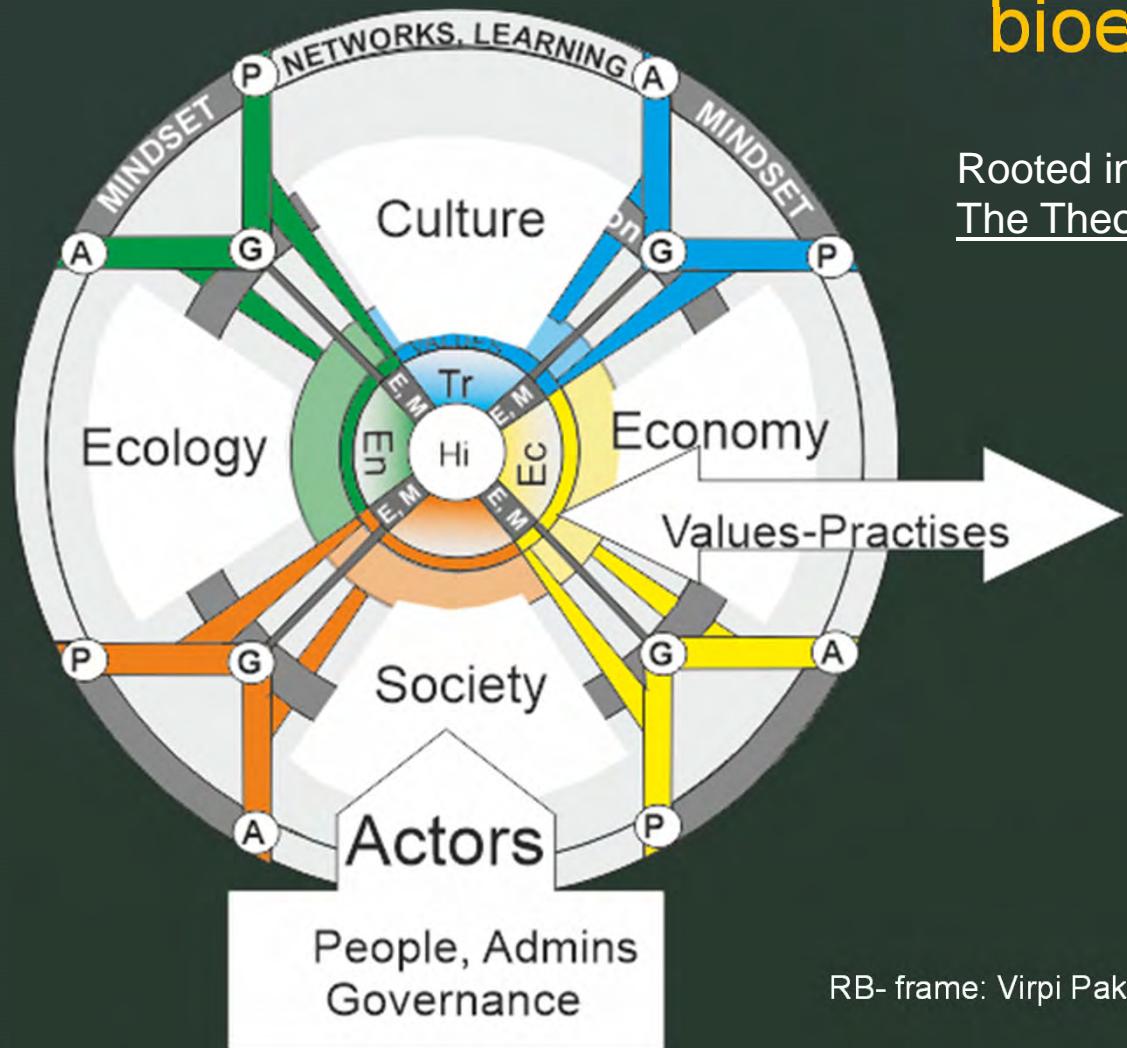
- collaboration
- mentoring

- helps people to get integrated in local social networks
- Provides research groups up-to-date information about critical issues and discussion topics in rural daily life.



# Theory

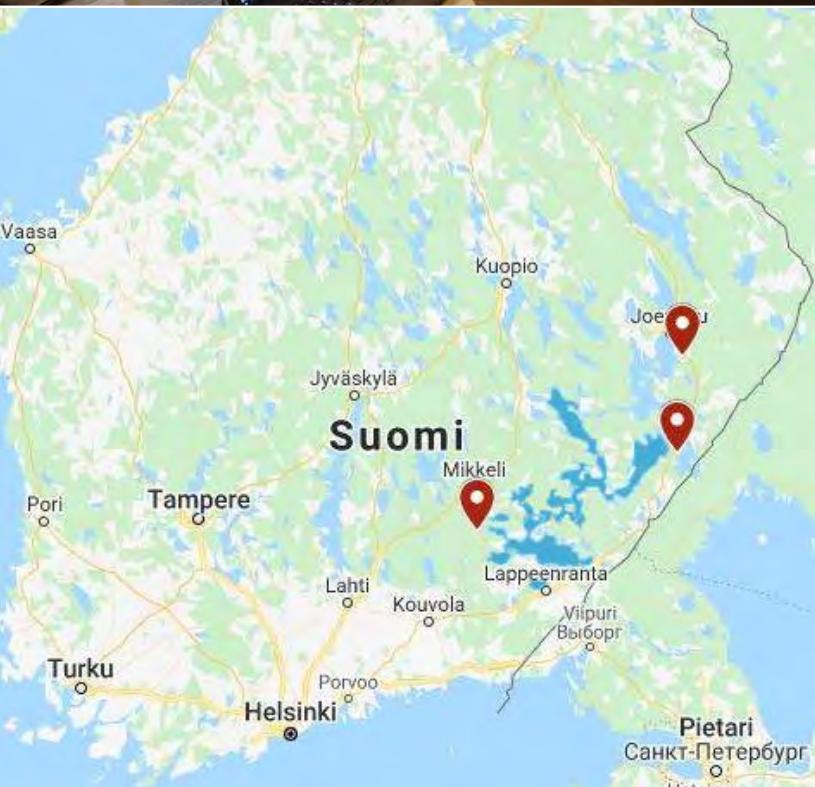
## Multilevel and Multidimensional bioeconomy networks



Rooted in Habermas (1981):  
The Theory of Communicative Action

### Keywords:

- Social-Ecological Systems (SES)
- Sustainability
- Community resilience
- Digital Divide



# Methodology

## Literature review (Scoping review)

Change in rural food networks related to yellow, green and blue bioeconomy

## Participatory observation and interviews

- Three locations in the Eastern Finland
- Key informant interviews in Kesälahti, Pyhäselkä and Suomenniemi to fill the research gap
- Digital Platform: ***Porukan***



## Case: Porukan.com

- Learning Platform
- Sales collaboration
- Marketing networks

Learning digital communication and sales methods

### Working like a virus:

Joined capabilities are 'infecting' others in the group with new knowledge, thus multiplying the effect

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## Concluding remarks

**How green, yellow and blue  
bioeconomy networks have  
changed?**

**What is the meaning of increased  
digitalization for community  
resilience?**

**What is the role of young people in  
this change?**



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