

## Letter of commitment to the Strategic research council proposal "ILVES - ILVES: Ilmastomyönteiset ja vähäriskiset kuljetusratkaisut ILVES: Developing low carbon and low risk transport systems"

Hereby City of Helsinki commits to support the information end user activities, as provided by ILVES consortium.

The main aim of this proposal is to scientifically support the sustainable development in Finnish maritime activities and in Finnish food, export and import securities, in particular Helsinki Tallinn tunnel as part of the transport system. The project is focusing on the low carbon emissions in Finnish maritime activities, on the development of new transportation along the Finnish inland waterways and on the oil spill risk management, on the food security of Finland as part of the worldwide markets. Moreover, the development of scientific methods to better support the environmental and economic activities and policy designs is in important role in the proposal. If successfully funded, ILVES proposal will build on the established, earlier research and on innovation partnerships to find common answers to the challenges related to the market based and governmental management of transportation systems, sustainable low-carbon fuels and maritime safety.

We find these areas highly relevant for our Ministry and we are committed to be active members of the advisory board, which is planned to meet three times in a year for three hours to be able to provide end user feedback on the scientific approaches and findings of the consortium.

We approciate the fact that proposal includes internationally active information providers like CSIRO, Australia, which has an extensive experience in developing end user specific knowledge based products. Their expertise in preventive strategic oil risk management is essential when planning needed legislation in marine exportations and in inland water way development and investment plans. The experiences of VATT in evaluating such options is usefull for our ministry.

We will provide our expertise to help the ILVES consortium to achieve the challenging scientific goals to support Finnish and international policy. In the advisory board, we help to communicate the key messages to endusers of scientific information.

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