**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 Finnpilots commits to actively participate to the societal advisory board of 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. 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. They are all key areas to Finnish economy.

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. An important area is, how the piloting of the freshwater routes is planned t be carried out.

We find these areas highly relevant for Finnpilots. We will provide our extensive expert knowledge of the risks on board to help modelling the expert knowledge part of the final model.

We can allocate yearly one week of time from the consortiums methods and to support the modelling by expert knowledge.

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Signed by Dr Eeva Ennustaja

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