



"For us students, like everybody else, Savilahti constitutes a platform for visions, shared activities and experiences, a space where we have the freedom to get inspired, experiment and think. Easiness of life with others, in unity and in a sustainable manner, is strongly ingrained in the social fabric of Savilahti."

*– Juha Asikainen, Chairperson,
Student Union of the Savonia University of Applied Sciences*

"Savilahti vision paints a vivid picture of a future combination of competence and working life, where three educational levels, versatile working life, housing and good life intermingle in a way we have not seen before. The vision provides guidelines for strengthening the competitiveness, pulling force and position as a part of the versatile interactive global network of each individual actor, Kuopio region, North Savo and a significant part of Finland as well. Diversified upper secondary vocational education for students of all age groups is part of implementation of the vision."

– Heikki Helve, Director, Savo Consortium for Education

"A powerhouse of excellence and engine of growth, Savilahti provides a unique platform for cross-sectoral product development along with testing and commercialization of ideas. The aim is to generate growth stories on an international level creating wellbeing at home and abroad."

*– Silja Huhtiniemi, Managing Director,
Kuopio Region Chamber of Commerce*

"Savilahti is the enabler of success of Eastern Finland. KPY Cooperative has been renowned as a constructor of connections throughout its history. Development of Savilahti ranks high in our list and forms the core of our future development activities."

– Lauri Kerman, CEO, KPY Cooperative

"Bay of Savviness would be a good name for Savilahti. Savvy is colloquial English meaning intelligent, smart and energetic."

*– Marko Korhonen, Regional Mayor,
Regional Council of Pohjois-Savo*

"Our location on the Savilahti campus is, and will remain, a major positive factor impacting collaboration in research and education."

– Risto Miettunen, CEO, Pohjois-Savo Hospital District

"Development of the Savilahti area is of vital importance for the university. While forming a hub with extensive regional benefits, Savilahti will create a unifying brand for the entire Eastern Finland. The University of Eastern Finland aims at boosting its pulling force to attract employees and students from Finland and, increasingly, outside Finland as well. We wish to be involved in building

an enticing platform of growth for expanding businesses and innovation ecosystems. Savilahti provides an excellent environment for all this."

– Jukka Mönkkönen, Rector, University of Eastern Finland

"Savilahti is about to become a top level competence hub producing versatile professional competencies for the needs of the entire region, while generating an unparalleled cluster of science and business. Savilahti will be on the list of interesting targets of the Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment ELY in generating novel innovations and international business."

*– Pasi Patrikainen, Senior Officer,
Pohjois-Savo Centre for Economic Development,
Transport and the environment*

"Savilahti vision translates into the best possible campus for students, increasing their potential for personal growth and development as a student, and supports student wellbeing."

*– Aino Peltonen, Chairperson,
Student Union of the University of Eastern Finland*

"Savilahti unites, inspires and enables in a unique manner. Savilahti shines like a lighthouse of competence and innovation across the world!"

– Jarmo Pirhonen, Mayor, City of Kuopio

"Savilahti forms a remarkable competence cluster with excellent prospects for education, entrepreneurship and housing. Encounters between different people and organizations result in interaction generating added value not recognized as yet – this is exactly what future Savilahti is about."

– Sanna Sianoja, CEO, University Properties of Finland Ltd

"The common vision of Savilahti highlights several factors shared by Savonia. As an increasingly international actor, we need a new generation platform for growth and development around us. With our more than 6.500 students and 500 employees we want to be a part of a novel environment offering real and open options for learning, innovations, research and business. We are proud to say that we are a part of the unique Savilahti campus. We have been involved in the development of the area from the very beginning, and it is delightful to recognise the enormous potential untapped so far. Together we will develop Savilahti into a genuinely unique environment for the entire higher education community."

*– Mervi Vidgrén, Rector, CEO,
Savonia University of Applied Sciences*

"In the Savilahti vision, students are provided an open environment with limitless opportunities to explore."

*– Tiia-Mari Venäläinen, Chairperson,
Student Union of the Savo Vocational College*