

Air traffic and logistics development between the EU rural areas and China

# Project meeting

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Seinäjoki Airport introduction





- 1976: Construction started, first aircraft landed
- 1983: Scheduled traffic began
- 1992: Air traffic control tower construction completed
- 2003: Terminal building extension completed (Finncomm Airlines Headquarters)
- 2008: Runway extension from 1536m to 2,000m
- 2009: Holiday charter flights to southern Europe began
- 2011: Finncomm Airlines is acquired by Flybe Nordic. Shortly after, Flybe announces that it will terminate all scheduled flights to Seinäjoki.
- 2012: Scheduled traffic is continued by Direktflyg with a 19-seat Jetstream 31
- 2013: Direktflyg and Seinäjoki City agree to stop air traffic in March 2013.
- 2015: Airport operator Rengonharju Foundation announces closure of airport
- 2016: Seinäjoki Airport Ltd is founded and continues as aerodrome operator with a lighter, more flexible concept.
- 2017: Seinäjoki International Airshow, Finland's main aviaton event of the year is held at Seinäjoki Airport
- 2019: Travel agency Matkavekka announces starting Holiday charter flights again from Seinäjoki in 2020 with a flight to Algarve, Portugal
- 2022: A new helicopter emergency medical services base starts operating in Seinäjoki Airport?



## Situation analysis conclusions in 2013



- Need to find new innovative income sources
- Helsinki route not feasible
- Business travel alone will not sustain the functionability and feasibility of the airport
  - Taxi flights etc/focused services for lighter cost-structure
  - Possibility to develop activities
  - Need to change the whole view and approach
  - Need to develop an innovative and unique airport concept
    - Specialization
    - Broader than traditional airport operations concept





# New company, new concept.

## Seinäjoen lentoasema Oy / Seinäjoki Airport Ltd:

- Nine shareholders; eight South Ostrobothnian companies and the local aviation club. More than 80 committed companies.
- Priority was to secure the current valuable infrastructure and to support the vitality of the Seinäjoki Region
- "Light airport" concept: Providing services only upon request, instead of fixed daily operating hours. Need-based approach for both commercial and private air traffic.
- Cooperation with educational institutions (maintenance, security)
- Looking into benefits of utilizing remote tower and other new innovations
- Aiming for cost-efficiency, savings and better service for business, as well as innovative ecological solutions

# <u>Management</u>



## **Board of Directors**

Juhani Pakari, Chairman

Jyrki Viitala, Raimo Sarajärvi, Pasi Jaskari, Petri Lepistö

Top level strategic management, finance etc

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Rauli Lukkarila, Airport Manager.

Operative management at airport. Air Traffic Service, Compliance, Safety&Security etc

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Veli-Pekka Rajala, Maintenance Manager
Runway maintenance, Fire&Rescue, Fuelling, Groung handling etc

## International Airport

with reasonable pricing and flexible service

- 10km from Seinäjoki city
- Privately owned
- 2000m x 45m runway
- Conventional and GPS-based approach procedures (ILS, NDB, RNP, LPV in 2020)
- JET-A1 and 100LL aviation fuels
- Runway and other airport area available for different types of testing, prototypes etc.



Only company in Finland that provides all these services:

- Aerodrome operator
- Air Traffic Service
- Ground handling
- Fuelling
- Airport Fire/Rescue
- Airport security



## Testing, prototypes, public events etc









Nokian Tyres - The fastest side wheelie in a car (short): Watch the Guinness World Record





Any questions?

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### CURRICULUM VITAE AVIATION

### Juhani Pakari



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EDUCATION:	Airline	Transport	Pilot (A	TPL)

Helicopter Pilot (PPL)

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

2016-	Chairman of Board, Seinäjoen Lentoasema Oy
2011	Chairman of Poard Tifomo Ov

2011-	Chairman of board, Thomo by
2007-	CEO, EPL Group Oy (Finncomm O

2004-2012 Chairman of Board, Interhandling Oy

2008-2011 Chairman of Board, Finnish Aircraft Maintenance Oy

1999-2007 Country Manger, Golden Air Flyg Ab

1995-1996 Managing Director, Air Botnia (Blue 1) 1990-1995 Management Board, Air Botnia (Blue 1)

1987-1989 Managing Director, Air Botnia (Blue 1)

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

2018- FIA member of World MotorSport Council2017- Finnish Olympic Committee, board member

2012- President, AKK Motorsport ry

### **AIRCRAFT TYPES FLOWN**

(COMPLEX, HIGH PERF OR MULTI ENGINE):

C402, 421

BE60

MU2

SF34

E145

E170

PC12

E55P

Total time >4.000 hours, (jet >1.000 hours as PIC)

### **HELICOPTER TYPES FLOWN:**

**R44** 

EC120B

Total time >600 hours, (turbine >500 hours).