

Executive Summary: Our Impact on the Finnish-U.S. RDI-landscape



We **increased visibility** of Finnish research expertise in the USA by growing U.S.-engagement significantly, targeting relevant U.S.-actors, and creating synergies with key-stakeholders.



FARIA members launched **30+ research projects** and collaboration initiatives in key fields like AI, Arctic, Bioeconomy, NextG, Quantum and more.



FARIA has grown **from 116** researchers and administrators **to more than 1700** – making it truly a national platform across RDI-stakeholders to facilitate collaboration.



We positioned FARIA as serious **partner and facilitator** in Finnish US-relevant stakeholder landscape.



We have created links and initiated cooperative activities with key universities and organizations **in all MoU states and Silicon Valley**.



FARIA has become the premier source of information on Finnish-U.S. RDI-funding and collaboration **with more 25+ relevant events per anno**.



“The strength of FARIA lies clearly in research support and promotion, stakeholder engagement, and facilitation of contacts between Finland and the U.S.”

The U.S.-pilot/FARIA is widely considered a success. We have demonstrated that there are tangible benefits of operating as a network. From a national perspective, we see that FARIA has greatly contributed to shaping a U.S.-focused RDI ecosystem, which engages with the U.S., shares knowledge and resources, launches initiatives, and maybe most importantly amplifies the impact of important stakeholders (i.e. Research Council of Finland, Team Finland Knowledge Network, Finn-ARMA etc.) by creating relevant audiences and providing expertise.

We see limitations in creating large joint RDI projects as initially envisioned by MEC. Varying funding allocation modes of university actors and funding priorities create a complexity which is difficult to manage effectively. Also, the target states and flagship themes create more complexity than focus. Regardless of these challenges, they did serve as good communication tool. Also, the decentral funding may not have led to large projects, but it led to a substantial amount of initiatives, helping together to increase visibility and grow academic grass-root engagement.