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Role in Water JPI activities	Finnish Governing Board delegate, voting member National contact point for WatEUr, WaterWorks2014 and WaterWorks2015 National stakeholder group for Water JPI	

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