

Tanja Suni

Tanja Suni works as Research director at the Ministry of the Environment, Finland. Her work aims at providing the capacities, networks and models for researchers and decision-makers to successfully integrate research and innovation in policy-making. Tanja's aim is to facilitate science to support in solving the grand societal challenges of our time. This requires a culture change at the science-society interface. Tanja's role is to help scientists and decision-makers come together, identify pressing questions, and co-design research to solve them.

Tanja's background is in atmospheric physics and she got her PhD in forest-atmosphere interactions at the University of Helsinki, Finland, in 2004. Previously, Tanja Suni has worked as business developer at the University of Helsinki and as Secretary General and Executive Director of the global sustainability science programme Future Earth in Finland and in Europe. She has built co-creation models for researchers and stakeholders and developed business collaboration and other stakeholder engagement methodologies especially in the fields of sustainability science, atmospheric sciences and climate issues, life sciences, agricultural and forest sciences, urban studies, and circular economy, bioeconomy, and energy systems.