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Helena Myllyharju, representing Finland in IMI State Representatives Group, is an Advisor (Large Company and Public Research Funding, Health and Wellbeing) with **Business Finland**, Finland's government organisation responsible for the development and growth of Finnish enterprises in world markets in addition to being Finland's national contact agency for EU Framework programmes.

Business Finland helps its customer companies grow and succeed globally, develop solutions for the future and renew their business operations; promotes collaboration between companies and research groups; and develops Finland into the most attractive and competitive innovation environment and the most enticing investment and travel destination in the world.

Business Finland's organization employs 680 specialists at 42 foreign locations and 16 offices in Finland. Business Finland is a public-sector operator and part of the Team Finland network.

Previous Positions

- Advisor (Health and Wellbeing, Ecosystems Funding) for Business Finland (12/2019-12/2020)
- Chief Adviser (Health and Wellbeing, SME companies) for Business Finland (2018 -11/2019)
- Senior Adviser (Services and Wellbeing, SME companies) for Tekes, the Finnish Funding Agency for Innovation (2017)
- Team Finland Coordinator for Northern Savo at Tekes (employer: the Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment for Pirkanmaa) (08/2015-2016)
- Chief Adviser for Tekes (employer: the Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment for Pirkanmaa) (07/2015-2016)
- Senior Adviser for Tekes (employer: the Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment for Pirkanmaa) (01/2015-06/2015)
- Technology Manager for Tekes (employer: the Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment for Northern Savo) (02/2013-2014)
- Senior Technology Adviser (Biotech and Wellbeing) for Tekes (employer: the Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment for Northern Savo) (09/2010-01/2013)
- Senior Manufacturing Development Scientist for Ark Therapeutics Oy (12/2009-08/2010)
- Manufacturing Development Scientist for Ark Therapeutics Oy (2006-11/2009)
- Researcher (part-time) for Ark Therapeutics Oy (11/2001-2005)
- Researcher, University of Kuopio, Kuopio, Finland (1995-2005)
- Researcher, University of Tampere, Tampere, Finland (11/1991-1994)
- Research Assistant/Bioanalyst/Deputy Chemist for Tampere University Hospital (05/1991-11/1991)

- Approved Board Member, Tampere Chamber of Commerce (2017)
- PhD in Molecular Medicine, University of Kuopio (2009)
- MSc in Biochemistry, University of Turku (1991)

Field of Expertise

- Innovation funding
- SME growth and exports
- Over 10 years of experience in innovation funding for companies and research organizations in the health & wellbeing sector.
- Experience from the production, product and analytical development in biotech/drug development and from academic research.