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Regional Dimensions of Finnish Growth Companies

This paper presents preliminary observations from the Finnish part of an ongoing study on the regional dimensions of networks of growing technology companies in four Nordic countries (URAGO). It is well known that technology enterprises tend to concentrate in national and regional centers. However, knowledge on the geographical dimension of ownership, suppliers and R&D relations as well as markets of enterprises is far more tenuous. The aim of this paper is to shed light on these issues by presenting findings from interviews with six small and medium-sized technology companies located in regional centers in eastern Finland. The empirical findings are discussed in light of recent trends in Finnish innovation policy.