

Marko Koljonen appointed Chief Executive Officer of the Finnish Plastics Industries Federation

The Board of Directors of the Finnish Plastics Industries Federation (FIPIF) has appointed Marko Koljonen, 46, as Chief Executive Officer as of 7 January 2026. The current CEO Vesa Kärhä will continue in the federation's service until 31.3.2026. At the beginning of the year, he will serve as Senior Advisor to FIPIF after Koljonen takes over as CEO.

Marko Koljonen comes to the Finnish Plastics Industry Federation from a position as Chief Operating Officer. He has 20 years of experience in various management positions in Finnish plastics companies in both the domestic and international markets.



In selecting the CEO, the Board of Directors of FIPIF has emphasised solid experience in the plastics industry, effective multi-channel communication skills and the ability to promote cooperation with both domestic and international stakeholders. "Marko Koljonen is exactly the right person to lead the FIPIF in the future and to continue the excellent work done under the leadership of **Vesa Kärhä**," says **Heikki Marva**, Chairman of the Board of the Finnish Plastics Industries Federation.

"On behalf of the entire FIPIF and our member companies, I would like to thank Vesa for his meritorious and genuinely committed work for the Finnish plastics industry for more than 35 years," concludes Heikki Marva.

"With a peaceful mind, I hand over the leadership to my successor Marko. Also in the future, we will certainly have a real need for Finnish plastic products and competent professionals and organizations working for the whole industry in Finland, says Vesa Kärhä.

"I am truly delighted and grateful to have been chosen for this role, and I look forward to working on behalf of the entire plastics industry, says Marko Koljonen. I am convinced that with my skills and experience, I will contribute with knowledge and activities that will continue to promote the vitality of the Finnish plastics industry and improve the responsibility of plastics and plastics knowledge in our society at large together with the operators in the field. Under Vesa's leadership, this work has been carried out in a long-term and exemplary manner. Highly experienced and competent staff will continue to work for FIPIF, and it is a pleasure and an honour for me to work with them. It is good to continue from here together with our staff, our members and our stakeholders," says Koljonen.

The Finnish Plastics Industries Federation is an industrial and labour market policy organisation for companies that manufacture plastic products and recycle plastics in Finland with 103 member companies. The companies in the plastics branch employ more than 10,000 people.

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