

# FORSSA

A thriving regional city



# A LITTLE BIG CITY



**A**pproximately 17 000 people live in the regional city of Forssa in southern Finland, an hour away from the cities of Helsinki, Turku and Tampere. Forssa and its four neighbouring municipalities form a vibrant economic area of 35 000 people.

Forssa is an attractive and densely built-up city with lots of parks, and it has been granted

the status of a National Urban Park. This recognition reflects the city's respect towards its cultural scenery, rich nature and the valuable urban landscape.

Forssa has all the services of a large city. Anything you may need can be found in the town's shopping centres and stores. Forssa is also well known for its extensive selection of health and well-being services.

There are over  
**100 parks**  
in Forssa  
with a total area  
of 386 hectares



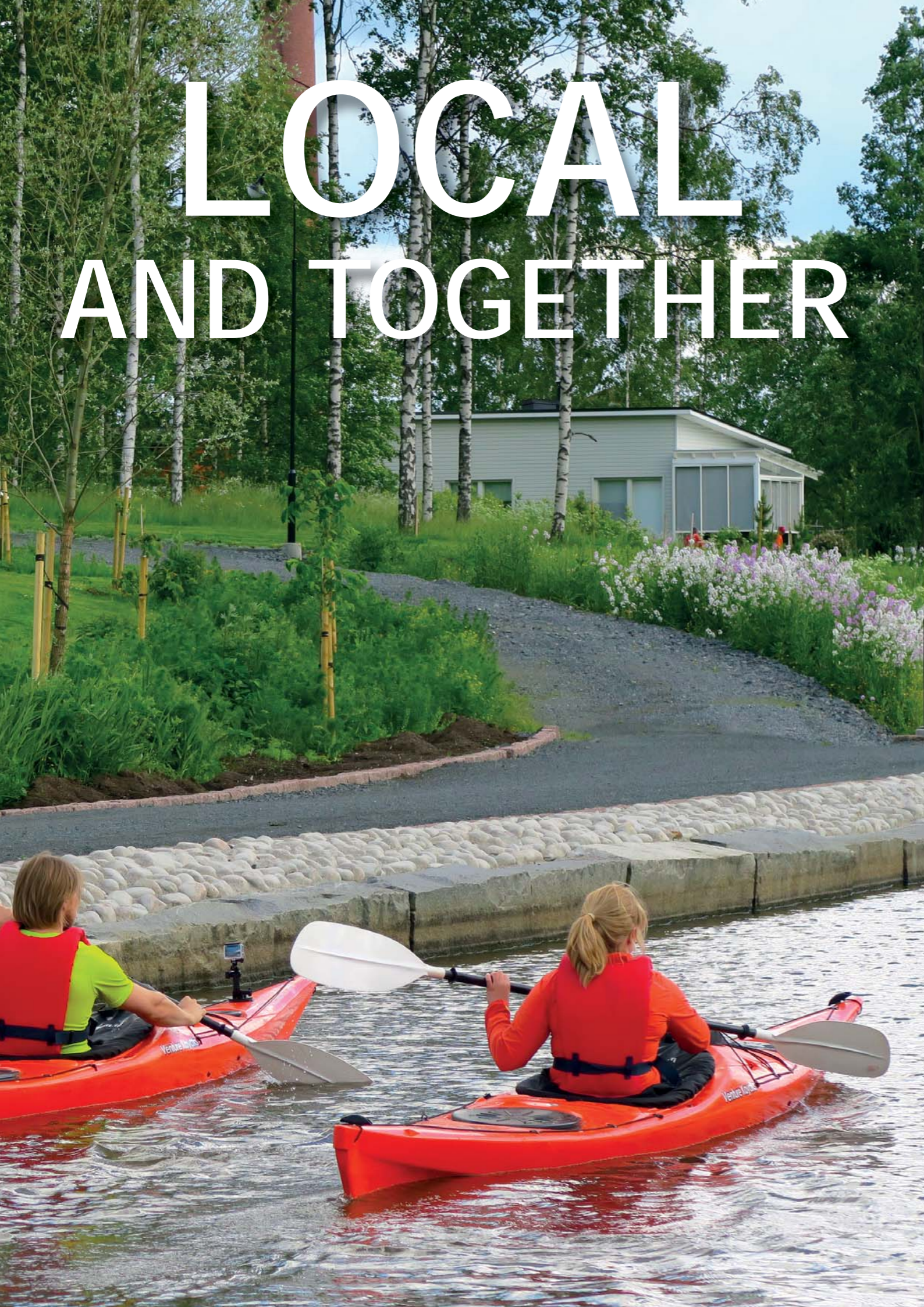
The city of Forssa  
was built around  
textile industry  
**activities**



The market city of  
Forssa was established  
**in 1923**  
and Forssa was awarded  
city privileges  
**in 1964**



# LOCAL AND TOGETHER



**T**he bright green city of Forssa has everything you need within the distance of a short bike trip. The city is densely built up, but there is still room for high-quality living. Forssa consists of an urban city centre as well as quiet and verdant sub-urban neighbourhoods.

The residents of Forssa are enthusiastic about sports and culturally active. You can

engage in a wide variety of activities in Forssa. For example, you can visit a cinema, theatre or various events and concerts. The Wahren Centre provides an extensive selection of cultural services and local sports teams arrange a variety of opportunities to engage in sports activities. The city's parks and recreational areas are equipped with exercise equipment.



A colourful  
and unique dialect  
is spoken  
in Forssa

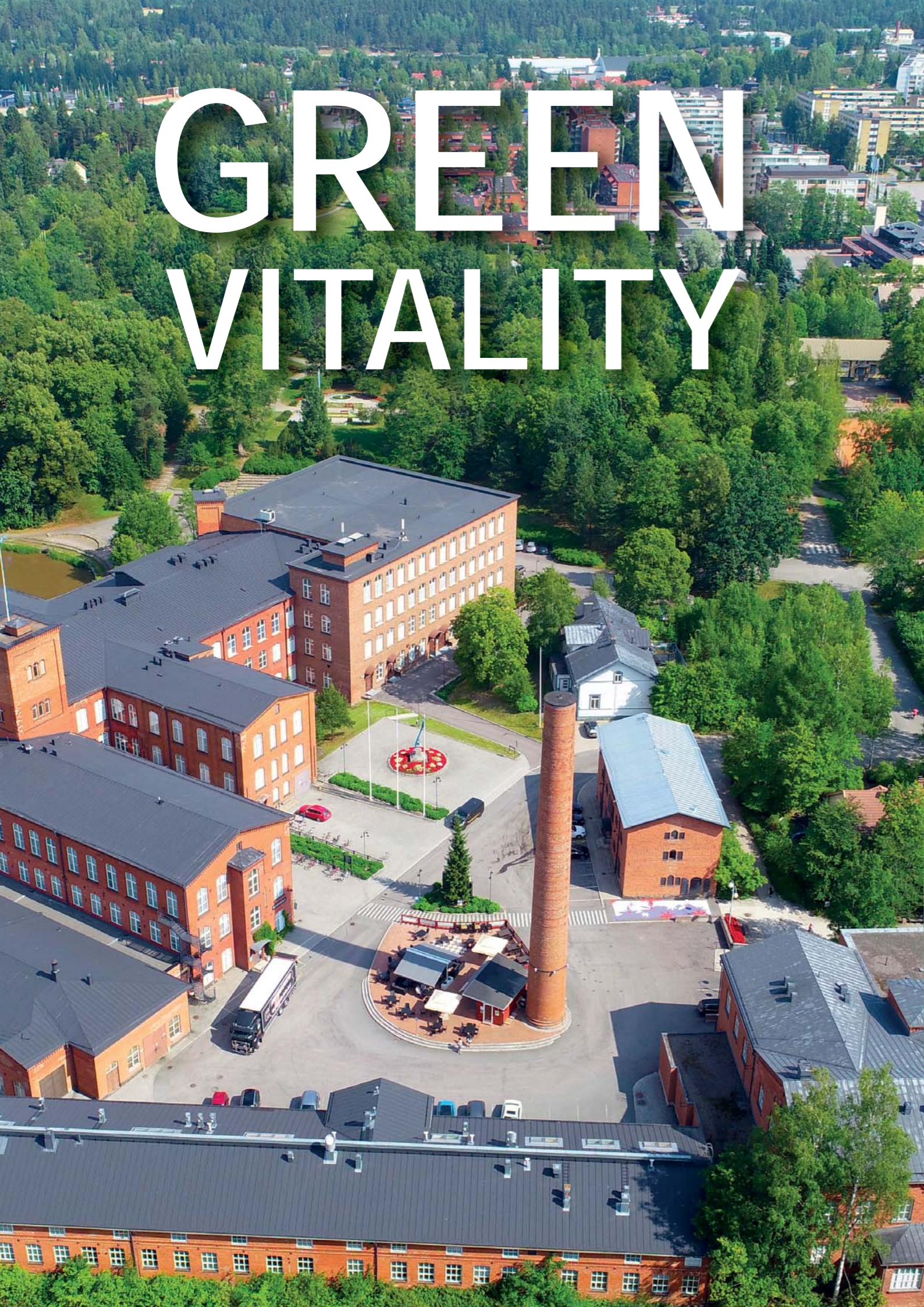


The river Loimijoki flows through Forssa from the Pyhäjärvi delta in Tammela to the river Kokemäenjoki



Forssa's busy market square is open for business three days a week

# GREEN VITALITY



**F**orssa has a long industrial tradition. Current significant employers in the area include companies in the food and environment sectors and the technological and construction product industry. Environmental safety and sustainable development are key areas of the city's strategy and economic development. Operators and experts receive their education at the Häme University of Applied Sciences (HAMK) and the Forssa Vocational Institute.

The HAMK Forssa campus provides education in bioeconomy, nursing, sustainable development and, as the latest addition to the selection, equine industries. Some modules are also arranged in English. HAMK has formed a strategic partnership with Aalto University. The Forssa Vocational Institute (FAI) arranges vocational upper secondary education for students in the logistics, machinery and metal, construction, business and IT and communications industries, among many others.

A substantial proportion  
of Finnish  
recyclable glass  
is recycled  
in the Forssa region



Forssa is  
a pioneer of  
processing electrical  
and electronic waste

The history of  
Forssa stems from  
the cotton  
mill established  
in 1847





The area of  
the Forssa  
National Urban Park  
is 849 hectares



1.6 million  
Finns live  
within a radius  
of 120 km  
from Forssa



Distances:  
Helsinki 110 km  
Tampere 87 km  
Turku 88 km  
Pori 125 km

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