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Dr. Marko Hakovirta is currently Professor, Department of Forest Biomaterials. He teaches sustainable business and innovation and his research interests are in sustainable business and environmental entrepreneurship. He also publishes research on topics of processing and engineering of renewable biomaterials and valorization of industrial and municipal waste. Dr. Hakovirta has a broad experience in different sectors in academia, business and large research institutions. For example, he previously worked as a SVP, Innovation at Stora Enso Corporation and he served as Group VP, Technology, Environment and Quality in Metso Corporation.

Dr. Hakovirta has worked in academic leadership positions at Auburn University and Georgia Tech and has also held fellowships at Los Alamos National Laboratory, CERN (European Particle Physics Laboratory) and the Academy of Finland. Dr. Hakovirta is a Fullbright Specialist, TAPPI Fellow and EVA business Fellow and he received his PhD and MSc from University of Helsinki, Finland and MBA from Emory University, Atlanta. With his experience in corporate governance as well as leadership roles in several US universities, Dr. Hakovirta is passionate about serving in this capacity and being part of building a balanced approach to faculty governance at NC State University.