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Sanna Ahonen appointed as Head of Itella's Corporate Development

Sanna Ahonen, M.Sc. (Econ), 45, has been appointed Senior Vice President, Corporate Development and a member of Itella's Executive Board. She will join Itella on April 1, 2014. Ahonen will be responsible for strategic planning, process development, ICT and M&A. She will report to Itella's President & CEO **Heikki Malinen**.

Before joining Itella, Sanna worked for Finnair, where she has been responsible for Corporate Development. Prior to that she worked at Nokia Siemens Networks holding different positions and heading, among others, Strategic Change Projects unit and Business Excellence unit on a division level. She has also worked at Basware as Vice President of Global Consulting.

- Ahonen brings along deep expertise in accelerating business transformation and process redesign. We are pleased to welcome her to Itella, says Heikki Malinen.

- Itella is in the middle of a challenging transformation at the moment. There is a need to improve efficiency and at the same time ensure high customer satisfaction. Itella's new vision 2020 shows clear direction and I am very excited about the possibility to join Itella and continue working towards that direction, says Ahonen.

Current Head of Corporate Strategy **Juhani Strömberg** will continue as a Senior Advisor until the end of 2014 and will retire on January 1, 2015. He will no longer be a member of Itella's Executive Board as of April 1, 2014. Strömberg reports to Heikki Malinen until December 12, 2014.

- Juhani Strömberg has led successfully Itella's strategic planning. We want to thank him for his work and wish him all the best in the next phase of life, says Malinen.

- I have had a privilege of working with highly professional colleagues here at Itella. These eight years have been extremely interesting since Itella has seen so many changes during these years. I've been happy to have been part of this development, says Strömberg.

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