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Donor spotlight

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Kirsimarja Blomqvist

Professor of Knowledge Management, LUT University
Member of the Board of Directors, Fulbright Finland Foundation

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