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Mr. Hanhijärvi is the Executive Director for the Health Care Program at Sitra, the National Fund for Research and Development in Finland. In this capacity, Mr. Hanhijärvi is responsible for Sitra's Health Care Program which was started in late 2004 to continue for five years. The planned budget for the program is €100 million and involves roughly 20 persons. Previously, he was Director of the Life Sciences Investment Team at Sitra where he led an investment team of 10 people to develop a company portfolio of 35 to 55 biotech and life sciences companies.

Mr. Hanhijärvi is a recognized international health care expert and has been an invited speaker in over 300 events related to the Finnish health care system, life sciences investment, and drug development. He has also authored close to 200 hundred publications and is co-inventor in 15 national and international patents in the field of pharmacology.