



# Adapting to Changing Labor Market: Cooperation between Vocational Education and Working Life

**Date:** 2.12.-4.12.2025

**Venue:** Scandic Grand Central Hotel, Helsinki, Finland

*In what different ways is working life involved in vocational education? How can cooperation help respond to the changing needs of the labor market?*

## **Programme:**

### **Tuesday 2.12.2025**

11.00–12.00	Arrival and registration
12.00–13.00	Lunch
13.00–13.20	Opening words and welcome
13.20–13.40	Icebreaker
13.40–14.20	Keynote from the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture
14.20–14.50	Coffee break
14.50–15.10	Good practice: Practical Application and the Importance of Cooperation: <i>Care about IT</i> project (Digital badges for the health care field / health technology)
15.10–15.30	Erasmus+ funding opportunities

15.30–15.50	Good practice: WIN4SMEs project, Centre for Vocational Excellence
15.50–16.30	Working life cooperation in Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Workshop</li> </ul>
19.00	Dinner

### **Wednesday 3.12.2025**

9.00–10.00	How can workplace learning be best supported? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Group discussion</li> </ul>
10.00–10.15	Coffee break
10.15–12.15	Aligning Education with Labor Market Needs: Forecasting Regional and National Workforce Demands in Finland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Regional Perspective: Insights from an Education Provider</li> <li>○ Presentation: <i>ForeAmmatti</i>, an online service that assists individuals in their job search</li> <li>○ Group discussion</li> </ul>
12.15–13.15	Lunch
13.15–14.15	How does education promote sustainable development in cooperation with working life? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Group discussion</li> </ul>
14.30	Coffee break and departure for company visits
15.00–16.30	Company visits
17.00	Back to the Hotel
	Free evening

### **Thursday 4.12.2025**

9.00–10.15	Digitalization's and AI's Impact on Working Life: Transforming Collaboration, Guidance and Opportunities
10.15–10.30	Coffee break
10.30–12.00	Keynote: Fostering Empathy and Interaction in the Digital Age <i>Katri Saarikivi, PhD (psych), psychologist, cognitive neuroscientist</i>
12.00–12.15	Wrap-up

12.15–13.15

Lunch and Goodbye