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Erasmus+ National VET Team in Finland

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Activities of the National VET Team in Finland: done in 2023 and plans for 2024

Work package 1. Training and advice (national tasks 2023)

National VET team organized and supported the following events:

1. Webinar to follow-up the implementation of the vocational unit on internationalization (Working in an international work environment, 15 cp) and to support quality assurance and implementation of recognized mobility. (March 2023).
 - 68 participants online + a presentation has been watched approx. 100 times.
2. Workshop to promote EU vocational tools and to exchange best practices between VET providers in both decentralised and centralised Erasmus+ projects (April 2023).
 - 62 participants
3. Workshop was part of the Erasmus+ VET summer days to reach all Erasmus+ project coordinators to exchange best practices between VET providers in E+ projects. (1½ days event: June 2023)
 - 80 Erasmus+ project coordinators as participants

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- 4) Webinar aimed especially at management of in VET providers to promote European possibilities for strategic international mobility and development.
The programme and invitations were headed especially to directors, headmasters, heads of units and planners. The need to reach the management is crucial, as the long-term impact of internationality originates with strategic approach. (October 2023).
 - 78 participants

- 5) The Internationalisation Days of VET gathered international coordinators and VET teachers to learn about European VET policies and develop the international activities also though peer learning. (2 days seminar: November 2023)
 - 136 participants

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- 1) Overview of the implementation of the vocational unit of internationalization; [Web article about the implementation of the vocational unit on internationalization \(Working in an international work environment, 15 cp.\)](#) The aim is to evaluate and disseminate the quality and the recognition of the vocational unit on internationalization during the Erasmus+ mobility periods.

- 2) “From data gathering to knowledge management” seminar: Erasmus as a tool for strategic internationalization: How to implement high-quality processes and follow up. How to plan and measure progress in all key activities. (17.4.2024 Helsinki)
 - 54 participants

- 3) Seminar as part of [Erasmus+ VET Summer Days](#) event; disseminating and promoting EU tools in Erasmus projects. Expected 80 participants (6.-7.6.2024 Helsinki)

Work package 1. Training and advice (national tasks 2024)

- 4) Webinar for the management of the vocational institutions aiming to promote international opportunities in order to enhance international engagement and commitment. Expected 30 participants. (Q4/2024)

- 5) Two-days conference **Internationalisation Days of VET** to support the peer learning of the VET institutions as E+ beneficiaries and applicants; The objective is to encourage the VET applicants to enhance the EU VET tools for the mobility activities and support the use other actual tools for the mobility and co-operation projects; to produce knowledge and understanding of quality in VET; to disseminate best practices via project marketplace. Expected participants 130. (30.-31.10.2024 Lahti)

Work package 2. Participation in European meetings and events (international missions / tasks)

2023:

- Only 2 National VET team experts participating international seminar on vocational education in Germany.
- Due to actively concentrating in the work and seminars in Finland, the National VET Team experts did not have time to search and participate as many international seminars as originally planned.



Tips and ideas about other relevant events are welcome!

2024:

- Erasmus+ NAs' VET Teams' & Coordinators' Peer-Learning / Capacity Building Meeting 16.-17.5.2024 Riga, Latvia.
- Participation in the Forum on Vocationational Excellence 2024, 10.-12.9.2024 Lyon, France.

Forum on Vocational Excellence 2024

- The 3rd edition of the [Forum on Vocational Excellence](https://www.copcovers.eu/forum-2024/) takes place in Lyon 10-12 September!
 - exchange experiences, share lessons learned, inspire each other with best practices, create synergies between sectors and cocreate solutions for common challenges
 - matchmaking opportunities between the CoVEs, both nationally and internationally
 - see and experience what the CoVEs and Campus des Metiers and Qualifications have achieved
- The Forum will be organized in synergy with WorldSkills, whose 47th Final Competition will take place in Lyon on the same dates.

Registration deadline: 7th of June!

More information:

<https://www.copcovers.eu/forum-2024/>



<https://worldskills2024.com>



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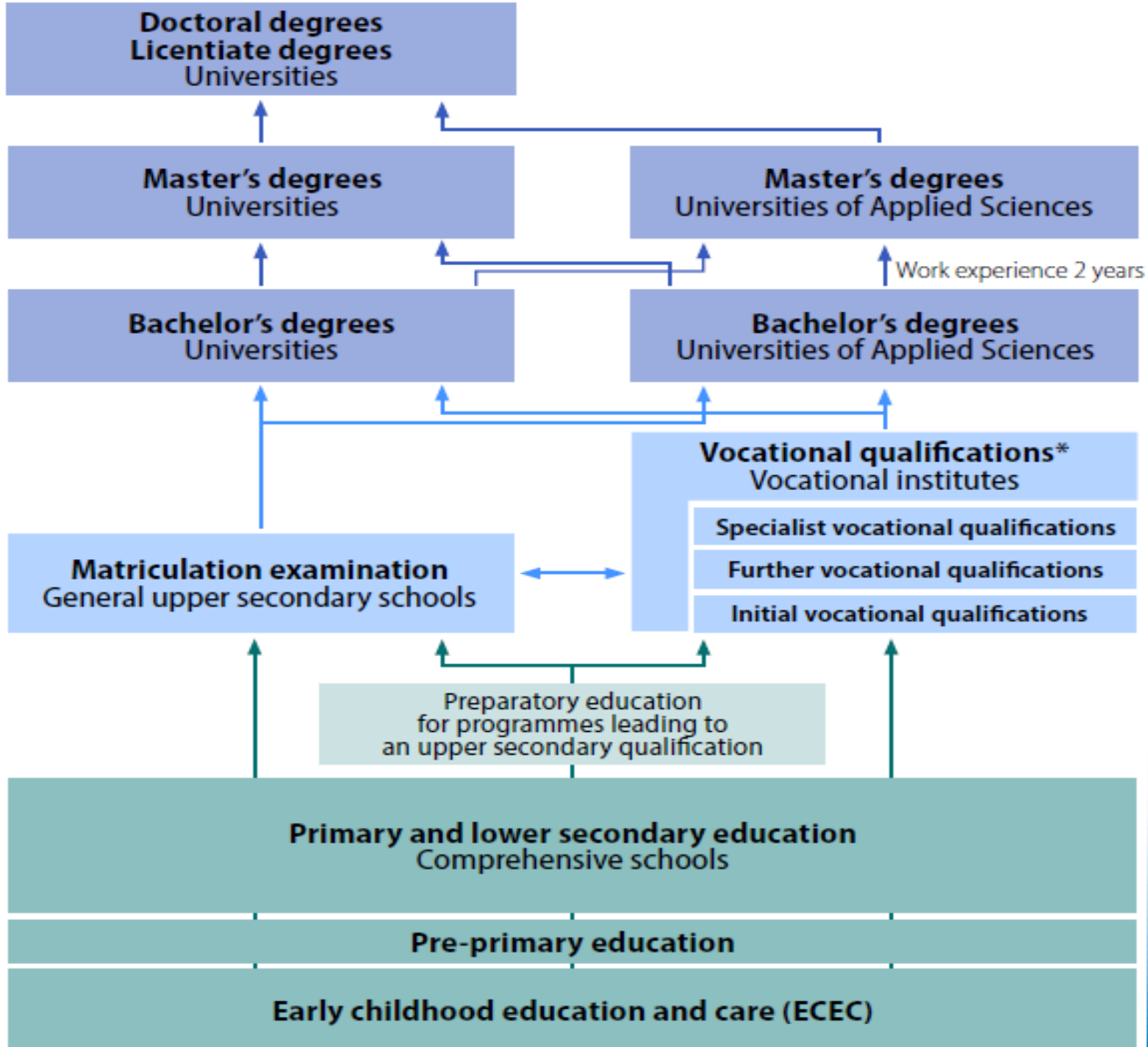
Education system in Finland

A brief introduction.

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Education system in Finland

"No dead-ends in the education system in Finland".

- Graduates of vocational education can apply for further studies at **universities** or **universities of applied sciences**.

STUDENTS

Students

 **270 000**

 **New students** | **Graduates**
96 000 | **68 000**

Students' native language

 Finnish | Other
82 % | **18 %**

Age 15-19 | 20 -29 | 30 - over 60
41 % | **22 %** | **37 %**

Those having ended 9th grade of comprehensive school applied primarily

Upper secondary general education	Vocational education
53 %	42 %

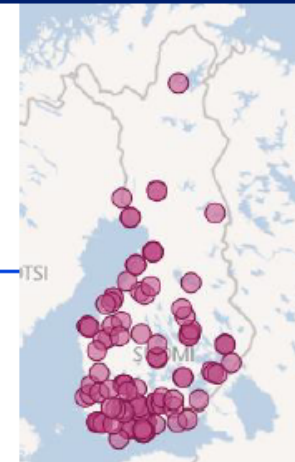
 **Apprenticeship is included in the studies**
20 % of students

Goal of studies

 Entire qualification	Unit or units of the qualification
93 %	7 %

VET PROVIDERS

 **136**



PLACEMENT AFTER ONE YEAR OF GRADUATION

Employed	Further education
72 %	7 %

STUDENT FEEDBACK AND WORKING LIFE FEEDBACK

 **Students**
4,1

 **Workplace instructors**
4,1

Workplaces
4,1



Finnish VET in a Nutshell

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More information about the Finnish Vocational education and training:

- ❑ [Brochure: Finnish VET in a Nutshell \(pdf\)](#)
- ❑ [Finnish Vocational education and training VET \(Video\)](#)
- ❑ Finnish National Agency for Education EDUFI / Finnish vocational education and training:
<https://www.oph.fi/en/education-system/finnish-vocational-education-and-training>
- ❑ Ministry of Education and Culture in Finland:
<https://okm.fi/en/vocational-education-and-training>



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