



**Study visit to Finland:
Strengthening the competence-based approach in VET
- Flexible learning paths and recognition of competences**

Arrival date:	Sunday 12 th November 2017, Helsinki, Finland
Departure date:	Friday 17 th November 2017 afternoon
Dates of the visit:	Monday 13/11/2107 – Friday 17/11/2017
Location:	Helsinki (1 day) and Tampere / Kerava (4 days)
Working language:	English

The study visit provides an opportunity to

- acquire understanding how the competence-based approach has been implemented in the Finnish vocational qualification system, how it is applied in the curricula of the VET training providers and in their co-operation with the world of work
- get a picture of the individual learning paths in VET; what are the requirements and possibilities for teaching, assessment, recognition, co-operation with the world of work and international activities
- acquire understanding how ECVET has been implemented in the Finnish VET system
- get acquainted with the usage of different learning environments in VET
- share experiences and ideas with the peers from other countries

The visit starts with an opening seminar in Helsinki at EDUFI. The seminar will provide the participants an overview on the Finnish education and thematic orientation for the week. After the seminar two separate groups (max. 25 participants per group) will continue the visit in two separate locations; Tampere and Kerava, where the groups will visit VET training providers Tredu and Keuda and get to know their practices and innovations.

Through expert presentations, discussions and visits in vocational institutes the participants will gain more experience about competence-based approach and reflect in peer groups.

Costs and funding

Participants' travel costs will be covered according to the TCA rules and funds of each National Agency.



Participation fee (750 euro/participant) covers 5 days seminar programme, accommodation for 5 nights, transportation from Helsinki to Tampere/Kerava & in Tampere/Kerava & to the Helsinki-Vantaa Airport, lunches every day and dinners on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

The participant fee will be charged from the NAs.

Participant profile

- Directors of vocational education and training institutions, centres or providers
- Heads of departments, head teachers
- Education planners

Total number of participants will be 50. Each NA can send 2-4 participants (to be confirmed based on the suggestions of NAs).

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the TCA, please contact

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