

Education and Training 2017

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Finland's Vision for the Future 2025



Photo, left: Veikko Somerpuro / University of Helsinki , right: Mika Huisman / University of Helsinki

Challenges of the Finnish Education System



Photo below: Aalto University; Text sources, paraphrasing: Research and innovation policy outline for 2015-2020, January 2016, European Commission, February 2016

Our strategic focus: skills and education

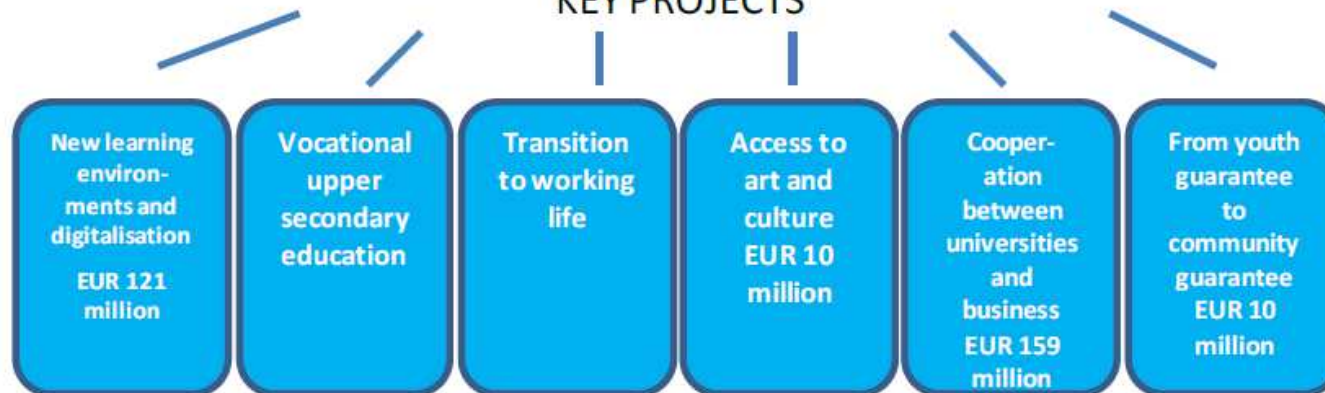
2025: Finland is a country that encourages people to continuously learn new things. Skills and education levels in Finland have risen, promoting the renewal of Finnish society and equal opportunities. Finland is in the vanguard of education, skills and modern learning techniques.

Skills and Education

Government term objectives for the strategic priority:

- Learning environments have been modernised and the opportunities offered by digitalisation and new pedagogical approaches are grasped in learning.
- The number of young people who have dropped out of education or working life has fallen. The drop-out rate in education has declined.
- Dialogue between educational institutions and working life is more active.
- The quality and effectiveness of research and innovation have begun to improve.
- Education and research have become more international and obstacles to education exports have been removed.

KEY PROJECTS



Mid-term review and the general government finance plan for 2018-2021 (1/3)

The Government's key themes at the mid-term policy review session were:

- knowledge, growth and employment
- caring
- reform
- security

Additional measures and investments will be targeted at these areas particular. The measures have been coordinated as a part of the General Government Fiscal Plan 2018-2021, which the Government has outlined in connection with the mid-term review

Mid-term review and the general government finance plan for 2018-2021 (2/3)

Cutting-edge research and internationalisation

- flagship research clusters will be established in connection with universities and research facilities (110 million euros)
- development of data management and high speed computing (33 million euros)
- internationalisation policies for higher education and research will be implemented as part of the Talent Boost program which is used to attract international talent to Finland.
- Team Finland Knowledge network will be set up to represent Finnish higher education and research in selected countries

Equity and social cohesion

- the fees for early education will be decreased
- funding for strengthening equality in comprehensive schools will be doubled by adding 15 million euros to this purpose in 2018-2019
- new measures of the prevention of marginalisation of children and youth

Mid-term review and the general government finance plan for 2018-2021 (3/3)

- **The upper secondary school reform will be implemented.** The aim is to increase the attractiveness of upper secondary school education as a form of general education that gives students an opportunity to continue to universities, to strengthen the quality of education, learning outcomes and makes it easier to move from upper secondary level of education to a higher level of education.
- **15 million euros will be allocated for supporting the implementation of the vocational education reform in 2018 and 2019.** The money is used for digitizing the working processes of vocational education according to its aims, for preventing dropping out and marginalisation.
- The ministry is also prepared to capitalise the **knowledge centre** that owns and maintains learning environments and tools of vocational education or other company by 80 million euros in total.