The National Education and Training Committees are expert bodies for qualitative anticipation.

The task of the National Education and Training Committees is to promote the interaction of education and training with working life in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Finnish National Board of Education.
The system of National Education and Training Committees consists of 26 committees and the system’s steering group.

The Secretariat of the National Education and Training Committees is composed of Finnish National Board of Education experts.

The committee members include a broad spectrum of working life and stakeholder representatives.


Themes for term 2014-2016

- Technologies of the future
- Entrepreneurship
- Culture and the creative sectors
- Working life cooperation
- Equality and accessibility of education and training

Anticipation of skills needs in term 2014–2016

- Games industry
- Food chain
- Social welfare services
- Retailing
- Energy sector
- Forestry
1. To monitor, evaluate and anticipate the development of education and training and working life skills needs in their sector following an action plan drawn up by the steering group.

2. To submit initiatives to the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Finnish National Board of Education and other key actors with the aim of developing the contents of VET and, on this basis, qualifications.

3. To propose initiatives to higher education institutions with the aim of promoting the consideration of working life skills needs when developing education contents.

4. To perform any other tasks assigned to them by the Ministry of Education and Culture and the Finnish National Board of Education.
Forecast radars as tools for anticipating the future

The National Education and Training Committees use forecast radars in their work. They are helpful in analysing changing phenomena of the future and anticipating the skills impacts of the changes. They can also be used for online discussions on the future and to agree upon development proposals for education and training. The forecast radar tool was created by AlternativeFutures (alternativefutures.fi).
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