



The VET graduate tracking system in Finland and plans for its development at the national level

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Graduate tracking in Finnish VET-system

- Graduate tracking has been part of the VET funding and quality system since 2001
- Graduate tracking is mainly based on the data collected by Statistic Finland
- The educational data is collected from educational providers but also from other sources and it's then combined by National statistics of Finland.
- This enables to track the individual's placement after graduation (status in labor market, placement in the further education)
- Graduate tracking data is encompassive, because it is based on several registers
- Also education providers do graduate tracking but usually not systematically

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- •The data is openly available from 2009- in Vipunen–Education Statistics Portal Finland.
- •The Ministry of Education and Culture and the Finnish National Board of Education are jointly responsible for its content

Main challenges concerning the graduate tracking of VET

- Viewpoint to graduate tracking is relatively narrow (full-time employed, employed student, full-time student, schoolchild, unemployed, conscript etc.)
- Hard to get information on migrant graduates
- No relevant qualitative data concerning employment and little qualitative data concerning placement in further studies yet available
 - what kind of jobs
 - what kind of further studies
- The time gap between the present and data available (data is relatively old)
- The National Statistics Finland combines the quantity data annually from different sources, but the challenge is that it takes 1 -2 to year to prepare the data.

Developing the graduate tracking system

- Expanding the information base – new data sources
- National register for study rights, attainment and achievements(KOSKI) (from 1.1.2018 ->)
 - Can be used as background information and to identify the persons who to send the surveys
- Student feedback –ARVO-service (from 1.7.2018)
 - feedback from VET –students, data will be used in funding system and quality management both at national and provider level
 - Can be used to collect the survey data
- Legislative work has started
- Also researching the possibilities to combine data from new sources for example Incomes register (electronic database of incomes information)