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New Government Plan: towards a socially, economically and ecologically sustainable Finland by 2030

- A high number of measures to strengthen and develop education sector, internationalisation addressed in many ways
- Higher employment rate as a key target, focus on facilitating skilled migration
- Attractiveness of Finnish HE will be enhanced and smoother immigration processes for international talent created; measures to support integration of foreign students into the Finnish society and labour market ie.
 - Action plan to improve employment of international students
 - Investigating the options for compensating tuition fees after graduation (through taxing?)
 - Student residence permit for the full period of studies; a longer (two-year) residence permit after graduation

Government vision for Higher Education and Research by 2030 creates a joint framework for HEIs:

responding to **talent shortage...**

→ higher participation rate in HE

→ more internationally attractive HE and research ecosystem

→ more open and international HE institutions

Source: www.minedu.fi

Proposal for Finland: Finland 100+

SUOMI 100+



EDUCATION AND LEARNING,
KNOWLEDGE , SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY FOR THE BENEFIT OF
PEOPLE AND SOCIETY

Over 50% of all young people
complete a higher education degree

Development of higher education
and expertise in different life
situations

4% of GDP allocated to research and
development: new creative power of
science, sustainable growth, more
wellbeing



INNOVATIVE UNIVERSITIES AND UNIVERSITIES OF
APPLIED SCIENCES

More pre-emptive and able to react

Strong internationally attractive knowledge
clusters

Actively involved in the world's most interesting
networks

Open, international and globally responsible

Robust RDI activities and versatile higher
education as engines for change in the economic
structure and society

The world's most competent labour force brings a
competitive edge and promotes wellbeing

Ethical and socially responsible



ENABLING STEERING,
RESOURCES AND STRUCTURES

Creativity, dynamics and
potential for action!

National policy guidelines for internationalisation of HE and research



- Cross-sectoral and cross-administrative collaboration to make immigration and residence processes and practices more welcoming
- Operational plan: employability support (mentoring, networking, internships), supporting integration of families
- National forum for internationalisation to monitor implementation of guidelines: a joint vision & indicators for measuring progress at institutional / national level are currently being developed

Responding to talent shortage – from a dual approach to a more coordinated effort(?)

By enhancing attractiveness of Finland as a study destination and as a place to work after graduation

By supporting access to Higher Education and integration to labour market of those (*highly educated*) immigrants who already reside in Finland

→ Since 2016 SIMHE (Supporting Immigrants in Higher Education), designated HEIs with regional responsibility on guidance and counselling