



Adapting to Changing Labor Market: Cooperation between Vocational Education and Working Life

Date: 2.12.-4.12.2025

Venue: Scandic Grand Central Hotel, Helsinki, Finland

In what different ways is working life involved in vocational education? How can cooperation help respond to the changing needs of the labor market?

Programme:

Tuesday 2.12.2025

11.00–12.00	Arrival and registration
12.00–13.00	Lunch
13.00–13.20	Opening words and welcome
13.20–13.40	Icebreaker
13.40–14.20	Keynote from the Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture
14.20–14.50	Coffee break
14.50–15.10	Good practice: Practical Application and the Importance of Cooperation: <i>Care about IT</i> project (Digital badges for the health care field / health technology)
15.10–15.30	Erasmus+ funding opportunities

15.30–15.50	Good practice: WIN4SMEs project, Centre for Vocational Excellence
15.50–16.30	Working life cooperation in Europe ○ Workshop
19.00	Dinner

Wednesday 3.12.2025

9.00–10.00	How can workplace learning be best supported? ○ Group discussion
10.00–10.15	Coffee break
10.15–12.15	Aligning Education with Labor Market Needs: Forecasting Regional and National Workforce Demands in Finland ○ Regional Perspective: Insights from an Education Provider ○ Presentation: <i>ForeAmmatti</i>, an online service that assists individuals in their job search ○ Group discussion
12.15–13.15	Lunch
13.15–14.15	How does education promote sustainable development in cooperation with working life? ○ Group discussion
14.30	Coffee break and departure for company visits
15.00–16.30	Company visits
17.00	Back to the Hotel
	Free evening

Thursday 4.12.2025

9.00–10.15	Digitalization's and AI's Impact on Working Life: Transforming Collaboration, Guidance and Opportunities
10.15–10.30	Coffee break
10.30–12.00	Keynote: Fostering Empathy and Interaction in the Digital Age <i>Katri Saarikivi, PhD (psych), psychologist, cognitive neuroscientist</i>
12.00–12.15	Wrap-up

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Lunch and Goodbye