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Study visit to Finland

## Management, leadership and cooperation in secondary education (general education and VET)

*Study visit for decision makers in general education and in VET*

Dates of the visit: Monday 07/12/2015 - Friday 11/12/2015  
Arrival date: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015, Helsinki, Finland  
Departure date: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
Location: Turku and Jyväskylä, Finland  
Working language: English  
Number of places per visit in Turku and in Jyväskylä: 20

### Short description of the visit

The heads of the educational establishments and other relevant decision makers on national, regional and local level play a central role in the development of education and training in the changing world taking into account the national needs, internationalisation, globalisation and increasing multiculturalism. The study visit provides an opportunity for these important target groups to meet for a week of intensive learning to benchmark, share good practices and promote dialogue on EU level on topical issues in educational leadership. The focus is on peer learning. In addition it facilitates planning of new sectoral or cross sectoral KA2 projects in the Erasmus+ programme on the theme of the visit.

What?

The participants will learn about:

- Regional / national cooperation between educational organisations / levels / colleges
- Management, leadership and pedagogical development in secondary education (general education and VET)
- Shared management and leadership (team work, steering groups, shared knowledge, peer learning etc)
- Leadership and quality management
- International competence of staff
- Legislation and finances
- Developing education (e.g. ICT, international co-operation).

### How?

The focus of the visit is peer learning and learning by experiencing. The visit starts with an opening seminar in Helsinki, Center for International Mobility CIMO. The seminar will provide the participants with basic overview on the Finnish education system and a thematic orientation for the week. After the seminar two separate groups (max 20 participants per group) will continue their journey to different locations: to Turku and to Jyväskylä where the visits are carried out. The groups are established by the hosts organisers and they will be cross sectoral including participants from general and vocational education.

The visits will include e.g.

- presentations and lectures
- case studies
- visits to schools and VET institutions
- meeting directors, researchers and local decision makers
- meeting school and VET institution staff
- sharing good practices, presenting country case studies.

### Whom?

- Directors of education in general and vocational training institutions, centres or providers,
- Head teachers, teacher trainers,
- Heads of departments.

The preliminary programme will be published in late August.

Please find further information on the visit organisers:

CIMO: [www.cimo.fi](http://www.cimo.fi) / In English

City of Turku/Education Division: [www.turku.fi/opetus](http://www.turku.fi/opetus) / In English

Jyväskylä Educational Consortium: [www.jao.fi](http://www.jao.fi) / International