Latest ESD-activities in Finland

Ministry of Education and Culture
Ministère de l’Éducation et de la culture
New Act on Early Childhood Education and Care

- The new Act on ECEC came into force from September 1st 2018.

- The old Act on ECEC has been completely reformed and updated, however integrating many old regulations from the current Act on ECEC and the acts on social services.

- The most central new themes in the new act are regulations related to the qualifications of staff and data collection in ECEC.
Changes in the new Act

- Many changes that aim to promote the quality of the service. Some examples:
  
  - The best interest of the child has been emphasized
  - Equality has been added to the goals of ECEC
  - The local authorities shall try to arrange ECEC near families and children
  - Children shall be protected against violence and bullying
  - The section on mealtimes has been specified
  - The special education teacher shall participate in the assessment of the child’s need for support and support measures
  - Shift care in ECEC must be arranged to the extent necessary it is needed due to employment or studies of a parent
  - Specifications on secrecy order, how to appeal from a decision and on application for a place in ECEC
  - The job titles and qualifications of staff have been specified
  - The amount of staff with higher training will raise from 2030
New curriculum in General Upper Secondary Education

• Reform of the general upper secondary education led to a need to revise the core curriculum.
• The purpose is to strengthen both the control of the goals and content of the subjects and the transversal competences.
• Revision of the:
  – Task
  – Basic values
  – General goals
• The aim is to publish the new core curriculum in November 2019 and that it will be implemented in August 2021.
Reform in VET

• Individual study path for all
• Skilled labour force for the needs of working life
• Quicker access to employment
• Many different ways to acquire skills and competences