

## Finland - The national quality award for VET

The Ministry of Education and Culture awards VET providers annually, and the Finnish National Agency for Education organises this award process. The Quality Award can be applied for by all VET providers. Each year it has a different theme that highlights key educational policy goals.

VET providers in Finland are guided and encouraged to continuous improvement of quality through the National Quality Strategy for Vocational Education and Training 2030, which contains concrete effectiveness targets and development measures, and also through the funding system, e.g., effectiveness funding. The Quality Award is one tool to encourage VET providers in quality management. The objectives of the Quality Award for VET are to:

- ❖ support and encourage VET providers to evaluate and improve the quality of all their activities;
- ❖ share good practices and promote learning from others; and
- ❖ promote the value, attractiveness and visibility of VET

The Quality Award is assessed by an external Quality Award Committee, which is nominated annually. The members of committee represent VET providers, unions of the employers, employees, teacher and students, and schools of vocational teacher education.

More information is available from the National Reference Point.