





# EduFutura: "Increasing the English Language Offer"

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#### **Contributing factors:**

- 1. TALENT BOOST Objectives
- 2. TALENT HUB Actions
- 3. INTERNATIONAL JYVÄSKYLÄ Services
- 4. EDUFUTURA Education

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Question 2: How do we expand the course offering in English so that it meets Talent Boost's needs?

To answer these question we need to look at:

- What is Talent Boost?
- How is this reflected in the Talent Hub being developed here in Jyväskylä and Central Finland?
- What is the remit of EduFutura?
- How is EduFutura going to contribute to the success of Talent Boost and International Jyväskylä?



# Talent Boost an overview

#### TALENT BOOST -

#### ATTRACTING AND RETAINING INTERNATIONAL TALENT



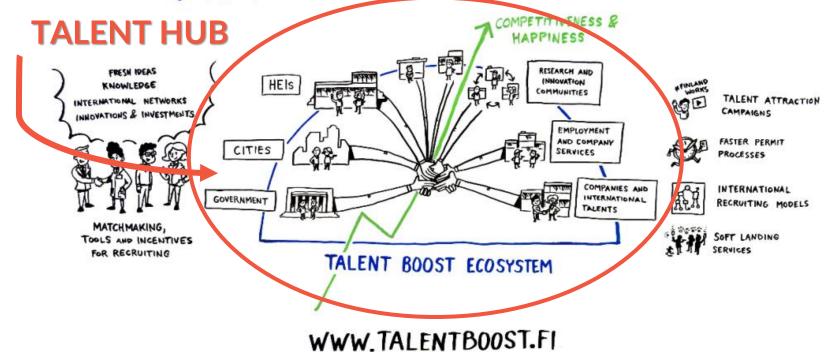
#### TALENT BOOST

ATTRACT INTERNATIONAL TALENTS TO FINLAND

UTILISE THE EXPERTISE OF INTERNATIONALS ALREADY LIVING IN FINLAND

INCLUSIVE WORKING LIFE FOR INTERNATIONAL TALENTS





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# The Objective of our Talent Hub in Relation to the Talent Boost Programme

### The TB Objectives

- 1. Finland (Jyväskylä) becoming an internationally attractive place to work, study, carry out research, and invest.
- 2. Employers willing and able to recruit international talent.
- 3. The expertise of international specialists driving the internationalisation and renewal of Finnish companies and organisations.

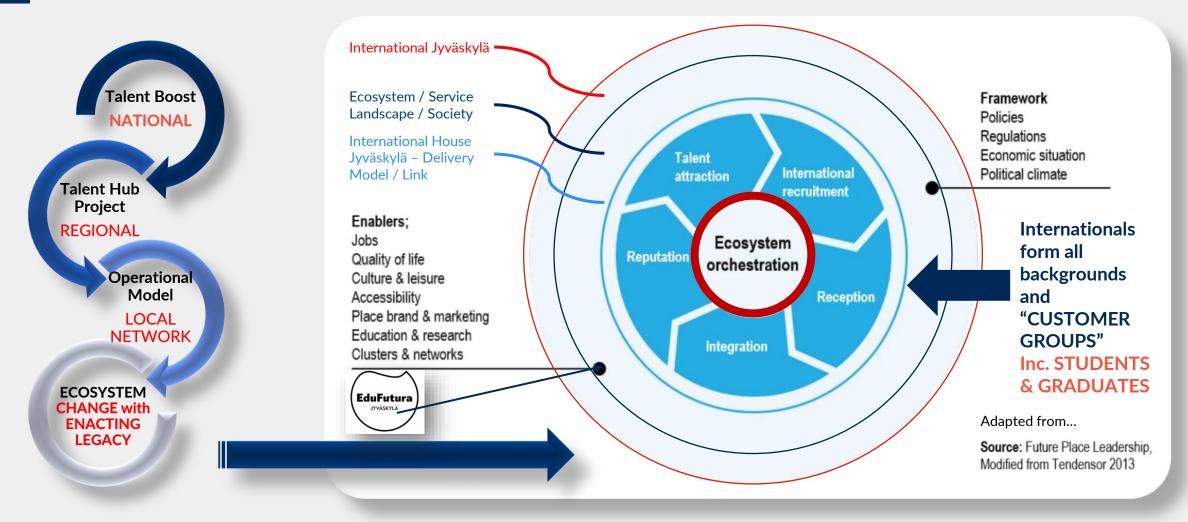
### The TH Actions

- 1. Create and maintain an ecosystem to support foreigners (international students being one group)
- attitudes culture values services infrastructure resources strategy education/training employment
- Create and maintain links and pathways between the employers and employees. Lower thresholds - future skills development for both target groups.
- 3. Long term viability to create genuine legacy and systemic change. **Self-perpetuating ecosystem to make future-proof.**

INTERNATIONALJYVÄSKYLÄ



## WHAT? -The "Talent Hub Ecosystem"... From National "Vision" to Local "Action"





# The Talent Boost Programme and Talent Hub Project Measurables

## Using the TB Measurables to Guide our Actions



- 1. In accordance with the Government Programme's aims, speeding up the residence permit process for applications based on work or studies to one month and creating a two-week fast track for specialists, growth entrepreneurs and their family members.
- 2. Promoting measures to attract and retain international talent, and to help their families settle in Finland
- 3. Advancing the employment of international students and researchers in Finland.
- 4. Creating a model for international recruitment.
- 5. Using international talent to attract investments and to support the growth and internationalisation of

companies and R&D activities.

- 6. Preventing the exploitation of foreign labour.
- 7. Increasing receptiveness and diversity in the workplace.

EduFutura (JAMK, JYU, GRADIA providing effective training and education to help achieve each of these goals and measures.



### The Talent Hub Concept in JKL

What is it?

- An operational model?
- An ecosystem?
- A service delivery framework?
- A professional network?
- A consortium?
- A customer service model?
- An auditing and evaluation tool?
- A physical place?
- A think tank?
- D I E assurance?
- Etc...

**Outline** 

The Talent Hub encompasses all of these things

To enact and manage a MULTI-AGENCY solution to the highlighted problems.

A City/Regional approach to meeting the 3 set objectives and the 7 TB programme measures

High level goals

A multi-dimensional framework onto which all regional activities can be situated and managed in a collaborative and cooperative way...

#### **Ensure:**

- Service (not Bureaucracy)
- Efficiency (for providers)
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**HOW - A Talent Hub operating in and for** Jyväskylä. The existing landscape - Enabling a SKILLED WORKFORCE



























# HOW – International Jyväskylä operating in and for the region. The existing landscape – Enabling a multi-cultural society & SKILLED WORKFORCE

The Talent Hub ecosystem and International Jyväskylä operating model will ensure collaboration, cooperation and coexistence in the broad landscape of service provision, support, innovation. Working in harmony and support of each other.



International Jyväskylä grows and develops to become a self-sustaining environment remaining in-tune with and reflecting the needs, requirements and expectations of the international community.

### A SYSTEM APPROACH - "Boosting" the internationality of Jkl in practice, and successfully supporting the population...

The Talent Hub Project builds links and collaboration in each of the areas of support and key workstreams with partners and collaborators and associated projects.

The overall aim to build, develop, and maintain PROFESSIONAL, EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL, SOCIETAL **pathways** for internationals, to <u>promote talent</u> attraction and retention through effective support.



students, partners spouses, children,









Social integration knowledge and skills



Entrepreneurial support, pathways and networks

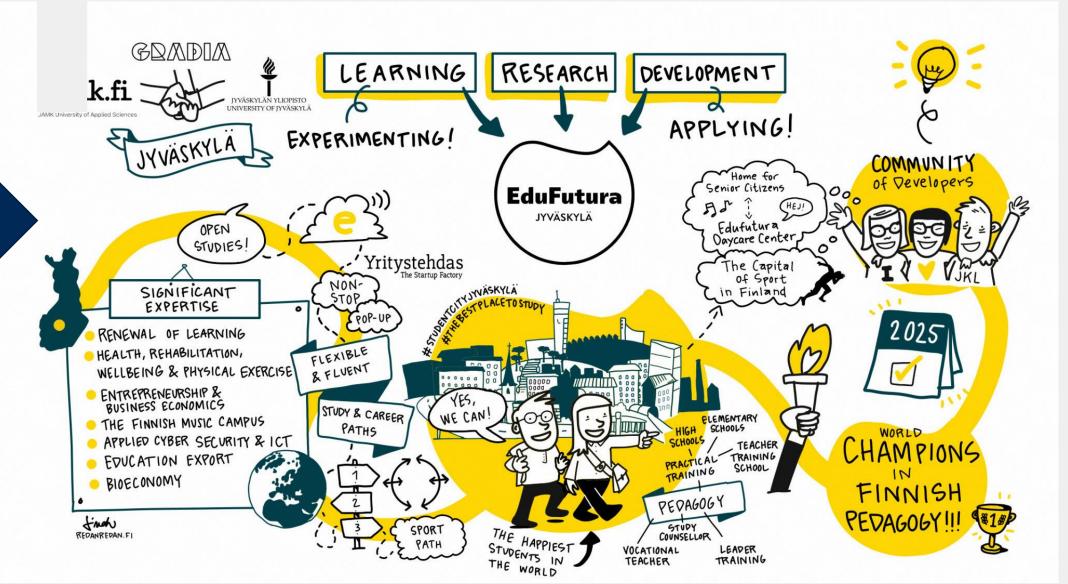
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# INTERNATIONALISATION OF OVERALL OPERATION – THINK INTERNATIONALLY

### EduFutura JYVÄSKYLÄ

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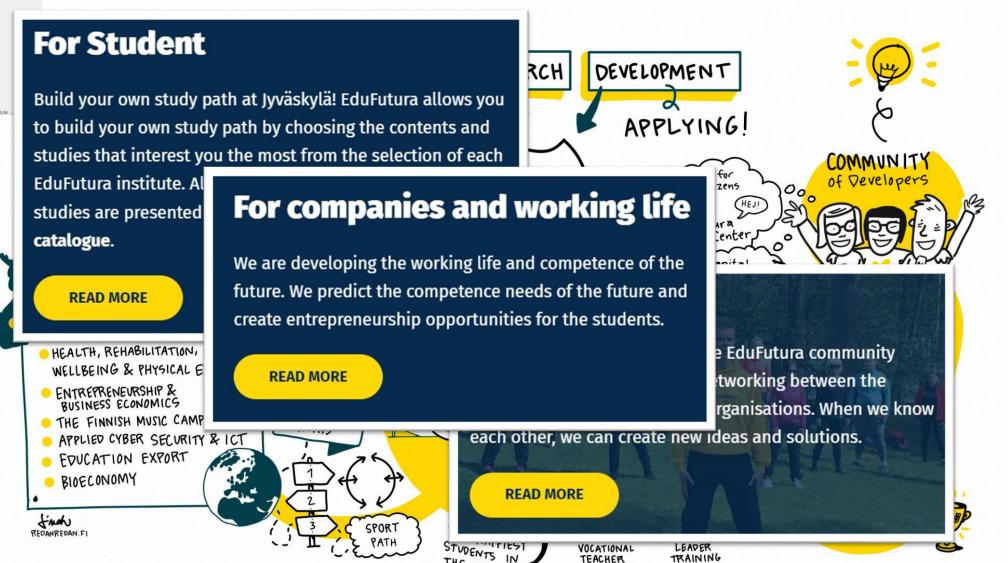




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### Some facts when contemplating this question...

#### **EduFutura**

- Edufutura is designed to serve ALL students of Jyväskylä
- It is a pre-existing model of collaboration and a network of Educational professionals
- Its remit is to serve both domestic Finnish Students and International Students

#### **Talent Boost**

- International Students are a key target group, and customer group for Talent Boost Jyväskylä
- A key hurdle in retaining "talent" is:
  - 1. Unsuccessful social and cultural integration International student bubbles
  - 2. Not understanding Finland culture, society, work culture, industry, family life, identity
  - 3. Insufficient Finnish language skills and ability upon graduation
  - 4. Insufficient workplace experience and understanding upon graduation
  - Lack of a social and professional "network"



QUESTION: CAN EDUFUTURA HELP SOLVE ANY OF THESE ISSUES?



# What EduFutura can do in relation to Talent Boost objectives Possible ideas...





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#### **ACADEMIC LEAD**

in International Student integration and employability



Develop a whole AREA
OF EXCELLENCE in
Student (Talent)
attraction, integration,
and retention



Individual ACADEMIC AND WORK LIFE COMPETENCE COURSES in English (other languages)



- Attraction...
- Integration...
- Retention...

...Of International Students

And also...

Internationalisation of Finnish Students – affect attitudes and culture for the better.





### A question for all of us: What is EduFutura capable of?

- To contribute towards a feeling of BELONGING
- To prepare the international student for working life enhance employability decrease anxiety
- To integrate the student into Finnish culture and society
- To help Finnish students be more internationally open and aware
- To promote industrial innovation and research by international students Entrepreneurship
- To promote multi-nationality networking internationals/Finns







### Questions and discussion

Now I throw the questions back to you:

What does EduFutura hope to do for Talent Boost?

How do we expand the course offering in English so that it meets Talent Boost's needs?