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Orientation for the SIMHE (Supporting Immigrants in Higher Education) services in Finland

Objectives

To guide immigrants, who have interest to apply for higher education studies/ qualification to find the most suitable educational or career path.

To identify and recognise prior learning and competence for immigrants in higher education.

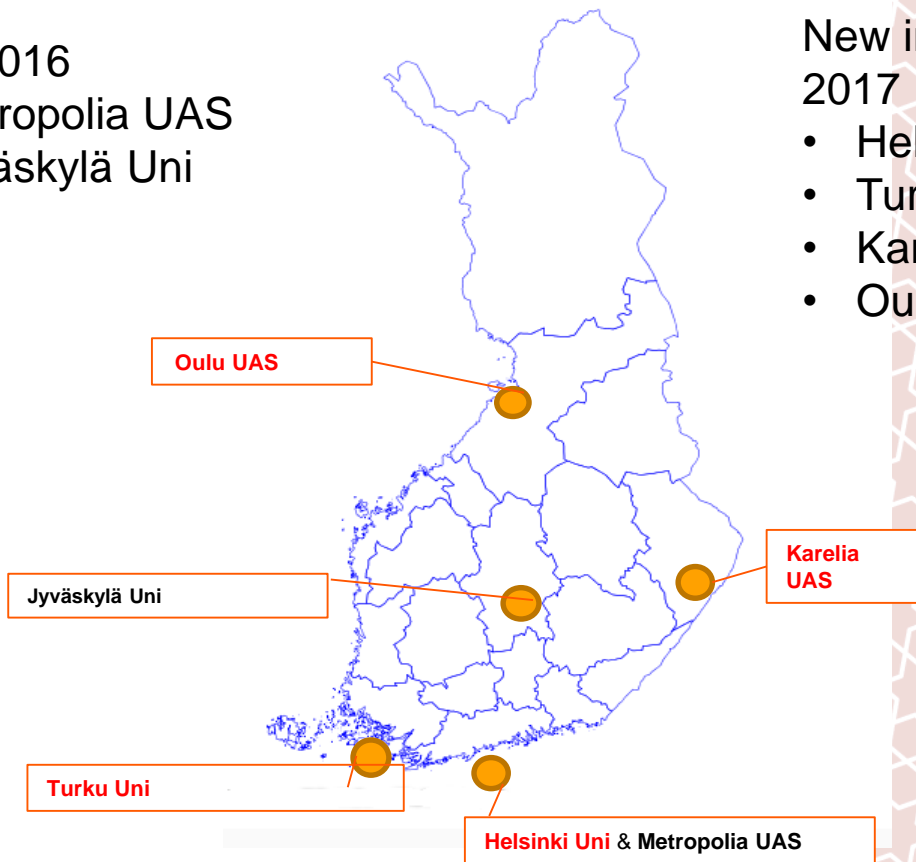
To establish a model that can be used by all HEIs in Finland.

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SIMHE institutions

Pilot 2016

- Metropolia UAS
- Jyväskylä Uni

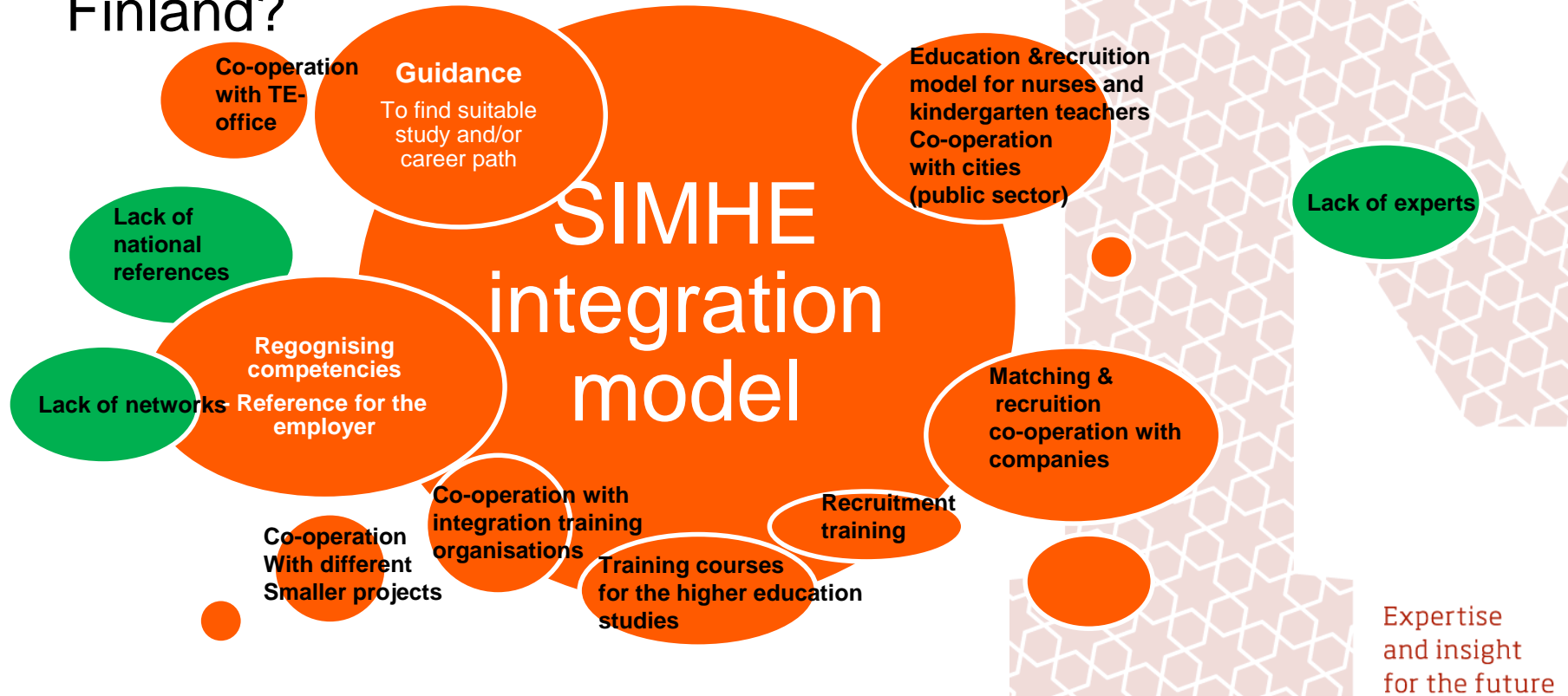


New institutions 2017

- Helsinki Uni
- Turku Uni
- Karelia UAS
- Oulu UAS

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How to integrate highly educated immigrants in Finland?



SIMHE – Metropolia

Recognition of Competences

Completed degree
Residence permit in Finland

Guidance and Counselling

Eligibility for higher education,
studies or degree in higher education

Mapping of Competences

Personal
Guidance

Group
Guidance

Self-Evaluation



In-Depth
Professional
Discussion

Education possibilities

Preparation courses for
entrance examination

Open university studies >
< supplementary studies

Bachelor's or Master's Degree

SIMHE-Metropolia more information

- There have been two projects launched for recognizing immigrants' competences and to support higher education paths and career paths in the higher education sector in the year 2016. The projects were funded by the Ministry of Education and Culture. The pilot projects were coordinated by the Finnish University Partnership for International Development (UniPID) -network in Jyväskylä and Metropolia University of Applied Sciences in Helsinki.
 - The supporting Immigrants in Higher Education in Finland (SIMHE) project's aim was to streamline the recognition of prior learning (RPL) of highly educated immigrants, who reside in Finland with various statuses, and to guide them to higher education both on a national and regional level. The projects cooperated with labour authorities, other authorities, education organizations and with a broad network of experts. The aim was to support the immigrants' integration to the Finnish society, education and work life, and to establish a model which can be used by other higher education institutes in Finland joining the activities. The Ministry of Education and Cultures' publication *The educational tracks and integration of immigrants - problematic areas and proposals for action* is behind the launches of the projects (the Ministry of Education and Culture releases 2016:1).
 - In 2017, SIMHE was joined by four new higher education institutions: University of Helsinki, Karelia University of Applied Sciences, Oulu University of Applied Sciences and University of Turku. SIMHE-services are funded by the Ministry of Education and the culture.
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- <https://www.metropolia.fi/en/about-us/simhe/>
 - <https://www.metropolia.fi/en/services/for-immigrants/>

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SIMHE co-operation with finnish IQ-network

- There have been organised matching & recruitment events for the companies, international students and SIMHE-customers
(<https://blogit.metropolia.fi/variousvariables/2018/02/13/supporting-highly-educated-immigrants-career-paths-finland/>)
- SIMHE-role in finnish IQ-network is to support Highly Educated Immigrants' Career Paths in Finland by regonising their competencies and guiding to find supplementary studies and professional networks and jobs