



## France-Finland Matchmaking Event

### Student & Teacher Mobilities in Vocational Education

**Date:** March 19, 10:00 – 12:30 in Finland / 09:00 – 11:30 in France

**Format:** online workshop including plenary presentations, working groups and a matchmaking session

**Objective:** Support student and teacher mobilities between organisations of vocational education in Finland and in France. Target education domains are:

1. Industry, engineering and technologies
2. Nature and environment (incl. farming)

**Target audience:** Staff responsible for international relations at vocational education organisations in France and Finland

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Mobility in vocational education is encouraged in order to simultaneously develop technical and cross-curricular skills (adaptability, intercultural communication, etc.), strengthen vocational integration and stimulate cooperation between establishments and companies on a European scale. These experiences abroad encourage cultural openness, improve the quality of training and attract more learners to the vocational route. They also help to forge a sense of European identity by facilitating the exchange of best practice and the harmonisation of qualifications.

The following programme focuses on the mobilities between Finland and France in two education domains: industry, engineering and technologies<sup>1</sup>; and nature and environment<sup>2</sup> (incl. farming).

In **session 1**, the organization of vocational education in France and Finland will be presented, as well as supporting tools (e.g.: ERASMUS+). The session will feature testimonies from successful stories between France and Finland.

In **session 2**, the participants will be divided into two groups, depending on their education domains of preference. The participants will learn from other participants' experiences and brainstorm on the following questions:

- What are the first steps of initiating a collaboration?
- What are the main administrative or financial hurdles and how to overcome them?
- How to motivate students and promote wellbeing during their mobility?
- What about language?
- How to promote long-lasting collaboration?

Participants will then share feedback about their group session with all participants.

In **session 3**, the online platform b2match will be available from March 19 to March 26 for participants from Finland and France to book peer-to-peer meetings with their future partners (20' slots).

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<sup>1</sup> E.g.: industry, engineering, technology, construction, transportation, mining, logistics, energy

<sup>2</sup> E.g.: nature, environment, agriculture, forestry, fishing, horticulture, husbandry, rural development

## March 19 (Webinar)

Time (CET)	Content	Speaker
09:00	Welcome address & introduction	Mathieu Girerd – French Institute of Finland
09:10	<p><b>Session 1</b> (plenary) General information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>French and Finnish landscapes of vocational education</li> <li>Available supports to mobility funding (Erasmus+)</li> <li>Testimonies: Why, what, how</li> <li>Q&amp;A</li> </ul>	<p>Bastien Palermo-Chevillard – Campus France Tiina Kärkkäinen – OPH</p> <p>Sari Turunen-Zwinger – OPH Mélanie Darmayan-Profit – Erasmus+ France Sylvain Scherpereel – Erasmus France</p> <p>Pierre Morawski – MFR Alice Grandgirard – MFR Tanja Halttunen – Axxell</p> <p>All</p>
10:20	<p><b>Session 2a</b> (parallel) Brainstorming “Industry, engineering and technologies”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Testimony by mobility beneficiary</li> <li>Brainstorming (moderated by Campus France)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Session 2a</b> (parallel) Brainstorming session “Nature and environment (incl. farming)”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Testimony by mobility beneficiary</li> <li>Brainstorming (moderated by OPH and Axxell)</li> </ul>
11:10	<p><b>Session 2b</b> (plenary) Feedback from brainstorming sessions</p>	Session 2a moderators
11:30	End of webinar	

## March 19 – March 26 (Matchmaking)

Content
<p><b>Session 3</b> (bilateral): Matchmaking Online bilateral meetings between Finnish and French vocation education organisations</p>