

A photograph of four young adults in a meeting. A man on the left is looking at a laptop. A woman in the center is smiling. A woman on the right with glasses is also smiling. A fourth person is partially visible on the far right. They are in a room with a white brick wall and a wooden door.

FINEEC update: Diminishing Resources – Back to Basics

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Diminishing Resources

- Finland's public finances have long been in deficit.
- Current government is cutting the spending by reducing the public sector.
- The staff in higher education evaluations is now 6-7 persons (used to be 9-12).
- A populist party suggested that FINEEC's host organization The Finnish National Agency for Education (EDUFI) should be closed down altogether.
- Constant reorganizing in the sector.



- Institutional audits. Same framework for universities and UASs.
- Back to basics! Focus on core duties as defined in the legislation. Prioritising the most important themes.
- Integrating the audit more strongly into everyday activities.
- Continuity in relation to previous audits.
- A flexible model that considers the different characteristics, profiles, and objectives of HEIs.
- Better utilisation of existing data.
- Strong support for enhancement-led education, but also a desire that the audit shows the actual quality of HEI operations.

The objectives of the audit are to

- support the competitiveness and attractiveness of the Finnish higher education system.
- support HEIs in identifying their strengths and improvement areas.
- support the foresight activities of the HEIs and strengthening their resilience and adaptability in the face of change.
- promote and support the planning, implementation, evaluation, and improvement of high-quality education, research, RDI activities and artistic activities.
- promote and support the wellbeing, equality, inclusion and openness of HEIs.
- encourage HEIs towards internationalisation, collaboration, and responsibility.
- promote the development of HEIs operations by sharing good practices.



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Two evaluation areas (interim translation):

- I Strategic management supported by the quality system
- II Learning supported by teaching and guidance

A photograph of a dirt path winding through a dense forest. Sunlight filters through the tall, thin trees, creating a hazy, golden atmosphere. The path is covered in shadows and dappled light. The text "THANK YOU" and the email address "helka.luodelahti@karvi.fi" are overlaid in white.

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