THE FINNISH SPORTS INSTITUTES NETWORK IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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There are nine national sport institutes authorized by the Finnish Government.

The institutes form the largest sport and exercise competence community in Finland

and they organise education in sport instructing, coaching and facility maintenance.

The education is divided into the following levels: vocational basic education, vocational further education, liberal short courses in sports.



VOCATIONAL BASIC EDUCATION

consists of the Vocational Qualification in Sports Instruction (EQF 4) degree, a total of 180 competence points. This education is provided by eight sport institutes and the annual intake is 390 students. The education can be tailored for competitive athletes and coaches, encouraging the dual career path.





Internationalisation

243 students who completed a period abroad



Expertise community

1390

Pedagogical

210

Coahing

110

staff

personyears





Part-time coaches and instructors

1200



Vocational education and training

390

vocational qualification in sports instruction starting place

1000

applied for vocational qualification

vocational

education

students

×

921
completed a vocational

qualification

Cooperation with working life

84

employed or continued studies after graduation

916

working life partners

Santasport Vuokatti Vuokatti Varala Varala Vierumäki Eerikkilä Kolmen Kampuksen Urheiluopisto Urheiluopisto Usakalajoona Solvalla

INTERNATIONAL ISATION

- Most sport institutes are accredited by Erasmus+ and provide high-quality international activities for both students and staff members. 326 sport students have taken part in an international mobility, as well as 182 staff members.
- Student exchange programmes:
 - several sport institutes welcome international students for internships and/or exchange programmes, ranging from winter sport to adapted physical activities
- Job-shadowing:
 - the Finnish sport institutes are an interesting and unique working environment, and we welcome professionals for visits





Did you know that...

Sports Institutes are the only institutions in Finland officially approved by the Ministry of Education and Culture to offer vocational qualifications in sports?

