

Strengthening Global Competences through Global Responsibility Programmes

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National strategic goal: HEIs in cooperation with the student organizations support the development of students' capabilities to function in a globalized world.

“Finnish higher education institutions utilise their research and expertise to solve global problems and to consolidate competence in developing countries. The activities of higher education institutions are ethically sustainable and support students’ prerequisites to function in a global environment as well as to understand the global effects of their activities.”

Strategy for the Internationalisation of Higher Education Institutions in Finland
2009–2015

“Students in higher education institutions require competencies to understand global problems and to see their own influencing opportunities to promote worldwide equality and sustainable development. In addition to a perception of global entities, understanding the micro-level effects of one’s own field is crucial in this. The higher education institutions and student organisations play a key role in supporting the development of these competencies. Teaching content must be assessed with regard to this goal.”

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Global responsibility

Within this priority, we try to identify means of encouraging global responsibility as part of international mobility and cooperation. Global responsibility is about understanding and aiming for a just world with universal human rights and equality. We support achievement of general development goals and encourage mobility and cooperation with developing countries. Our goal is a world where all people have a right and an opportunity to be educated and where they can learn values and ways of life to help achieve a sustainable future and positive social change.

What are these global competences? What kinds of skills, knowledge and proficiencies are relevant and required in the globalized world today?



Demos Helsinki: Piilotettu osaaminen. 2013.

How does the strategy translate into reality?
How do the Finnish HEIs, student organization and the ministry strengthen students' and staff members' global competencies?

How to support and advance the achievement of the strategic goals better in the future?