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Higher education institutions' (HEI's) Collaboration in Tampere

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UNIPOLI TAMPERE NETWORK

Tampere University of Applied Sciences, Tampere University of Technology and University of Tampere signed Unipoli Tampere Agreement in 2006.

Aims of the Agreement were to expand and deepen collaboration between HEI's.

The purpose was to

- establish closer ties between the institutions,
- support the efficient use of resources
- promote the city's development into an international hub of expertise.

Police University College joined Network in 2013.



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COLLABORATION AREAS

Unipoli collaboration focuses on four strategic areas:

1. Education

- The institutions will strengthen educational collaboration, eliminate overlaps and agree on the distribution of work.

2. Internationalisation

- Institutions will develop the services available for international students
- promote the mobility of researchers and students and agree on the development of jointly organised studies.
- Universities support local companies seeking to increase their international exposure.

3. Research and development

- Institutions will strengthen R&D collaboration. Special focus areas include for example cultural and welfare services, biotechnology and human-centered technology
- Institutions explore potential new areas of cooperation with regularity

4. Support services

- Institutions will develop and possibly provide support services in collaboration.



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FOCUS AREAS

- Study and Work in Tampere – International issues
- Unipoli Sport - Joint Sport Services
- Entrepreneurship Network and Studies
- Career Services collaboration
- Environmental Network
- Safety and Security Cluster of Tampere Region, Network of Know-How
- Other relevant topical issues



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STUDY AND WORK NETWORK

- In International issues Unipoli has the longest history of collaboration of support services -> Focus is on international students social integration and employment issues
- Universities' International Offices have active cooperation in various other areas, f ex. marketing
- Unipoli is responsible for own part in collaboration and organises Unipoli's operations in practice.
- International issues have own steering group which has meetings several times a year. Members are Universities international affairs chiefs, Unipoli coordinator of international issues and Unipoli's project director
- Close collaboration with Tredea, Tampere Region Development Agency on Talent Tampere Program.



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MENTORING PROGRAMS

- In 2014-2015 there will be running 4 different mentoring programs which are organised in collaboration with [Tredea](#) and [Hub Tampere](#) as part of [The Talent Tampere](#) regional cooperation network.
- Two mentoring programs will be conducted in English (targeted for international degree students and English speaking international talents)
- One program is specialised in entrepreneurship and it is focused for international students who are interested setting up their own business in Finland.
- Aim of programs is to support the professional development of international degree students and enable them to share their international experiences with the mentors.



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FRIEND FAMILY PROGRAM

- Organized in collaboration with the Finnish Red Cross.
- The program is intended for international degree students at HEI's and local families in and around Tampere.
- The aims of the Friend Family Program are:
 - to bring together international students and local families
 - to offer students and families the opportunity to learn more about each other's culture
 - to enable the participants to develop their intercultural communication skills and broaden their perspectives and in the best case scenario - create unforgettable experiences and long-lasting friendships.



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LECTURE SERIES

Working in Finland

- The major challenge that international students face in finding employment in Finland is that they are often unaware of the unique features of the Finnish labor market and the expectations that employers have of students looking for a job.
- Unipoli Tampere tackles this challenge by offering a series of informative lectures to give students instructions and tips for landing a job in Finland.
- For example, these questions will be answered:
 - o What should I know when applying for a job in Finland?
 - o Where should I look for a job? How should I contact employers?
 - o What kind of a contract of employment should I sign?
 - o Are there regulations concerning the labour market that I should be aware of?
 - o Do I need to pay taxes?
 - o How should I approach my boss?
 - o How should I demonstrate my capabilities in my application, CV or during an interview?



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TALENT TAMPERE NETWORK

- Creates a hub for internationalization services and creates talent attraction for the Tampere Region.
- Promotes employers and international talents networking and creates employment possibilities.
- Coordinates local services.
- Unipoli – and HEI's – are part of important local Network



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UNIPOLI ENTRE NETWORK

- Collaboration network for Universities Entrepreneurship specialists
- Aim is to promote entrepreneurship education and entrepreneurship itself
- Joint seminars and events, in future also services?
- Collaboration with local entrepreneurs and authorities



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ENTREPRENEURSHIP STUDIES

- Joint study program starts fall 2014 – new opening and way to cross-study between HEI's
- Aim to response growing need of entrepreneurial education through-out the studies and increase students capability to start their own companies in some point
- Includes Entrepreneurship Studies from Tampere University of Applied Sciences, Tampere University of Technology and University of Tampere.
- Student studies courses from at least two Universities. “Course shopping” between Universities has been made as easy as possible
- Courses include studies such as Business Strategies, Business Boot Camp, Business Law, Business Planning etc.



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