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Focus on the Global South: EDUFI Programmes Coordinator Meeting

9-10 October, 2025

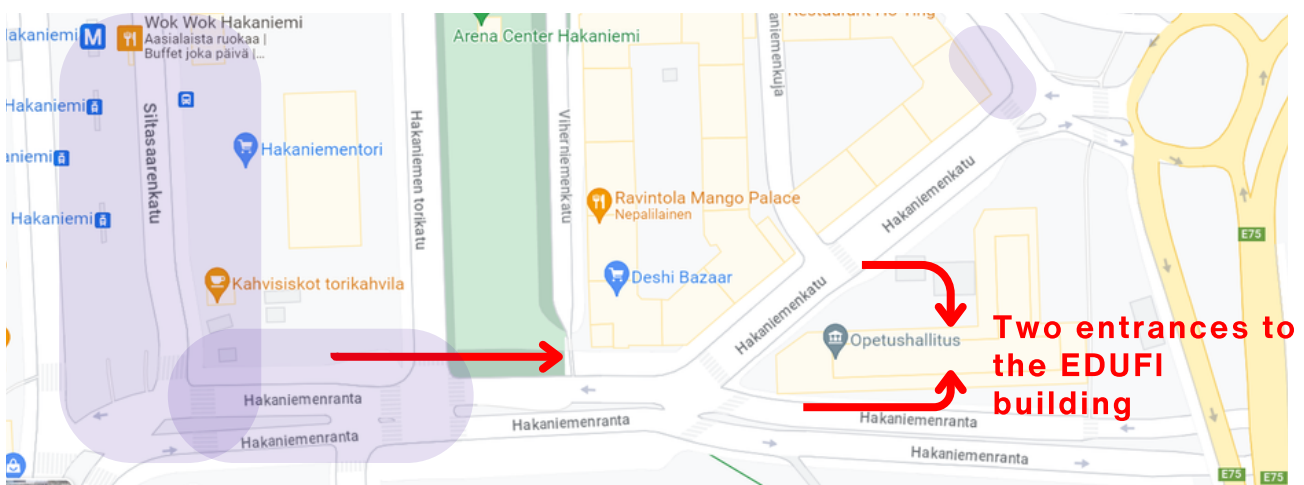
Hakaniemenranta 6, Helsinki



The meeting is organized at EDUFI's premises, where **we will receive you on both days** immediately upon entering. Our meeting venue for Wednesday is located next to the lobby.

To further make your arrival as smooth as possible, please note:

- **Parking.** While public transport is encouraged, if you arrive by car, the nearest (paid) parking space is under the Hakaniemi market.
- **Accessibility.** We are committed to providing an event that is as accessible as possible for all participants. If you have any specific needs or requests you would like us to consider, you are warmly welcome to contact us in advance.



**Road construction sites in
Hakaniemi**

We kindly remind you that your registration is confirmed, and we look forward to seeing you unless an unavoidable situation occurs. Thank you for your cooperation!



Program

Thursday 9.10.2025

09:30 – 10:00 **Registration and Coffee**

10:00 – 10:15 **Welcome and Introduction**

10:15 – 11:30 **Session 1: Responsible international cooperation and projects for developing higher education**

Responsible international cooperation has been an emerging theme in Higher Education. This session will explore the current discussion in Finland and how responsible international cooperation affects educational projects.

- Keynote: Tiina Vihma-Purovaara, Senior Ministerial Adviser, Finnish Ministry of Education and Culture
- Panel: Mari-Anna Suurmunne, LAB University of Applied Sciences and Kirsi Kettula, Aalto University

11:30 – 12:30 **Lunch**

12:30 – 13:30 **Session 2: Dialogue & networking**

An interactive session that invites participants to explore key themes through small-group discussions. When you registered, you signed up for two 25-minute small-group discussions from the topics: *Leadership & Management, Green Transition, Teacher Education, Health and Well-being, Digitalisation.*

14:30 – 15:00 **Coffee and Picture**

15:00 – 15:45 **Session 3: The transformative role of higher education and TVET partnerships for skills and societal development**

This session discusses the role of higher education and VET in creating multi-stakeholder learning ecosystems, with a focus on employability and links to working life. It is based on input about the EU Global Gateway strategy and a recently published EDUFI review.

- Higher education and TVET in Global Gateway investments, European Commission, DG INTPA, Luisa Bunesco, Policy Analyst, Higher Education, online
- Presentation of HEI ICI/HEP Review: Higher education as catalyst for multi-stakeholder partnerships for skills development and employability in Africa, Annika Sundbäck, EDUFI
 - Comments by Hanna Alasuutari, Senior Adviser, Development Policy, Education Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs
- Update on EDUFI Team Europe initiatives with openings for HE and VET providers, Marja Laine, Finnish Centre of Expertise in Education and Development FinCEED

Friday 10.10.2025

09:00 – 13.30 **Programme-specific Coordinators' Meetings**

Network meetings based on current projects: Higher Education Partnership (HEP), Team Finland Knowledge Programme (TFK), and Erasmus+ Capacity Building (CB). Further information will be, or has been, sent to registered participants. For inquiries, please contact: TFK-programme@oph.fi; hep@oph.fi or erasmus.korkeakoulutus@oph.fi.