

How we cooperate with universities

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Eight pillars of the MoER

- Pre-primary and general education
- Vocational education
- Higher education
- Adult education
- Research
- Language policy
- Youth and talent policy
- Educational leadership and teachers' policy



Youth work education and training

There is no vocational
education in youth work

Youth work is taught in the
Tallinn University and the
University of Tartu

Training paths are
connected to the HEIs,
NGOs, local municipalities
or the Education and Youth
Board



Levers of the MoER (I)

The MoER has administrative agreements with HEIs

The skills that meet the current and future needs of the labour market must be ensured through education

To gather information about the labour and skill needs, there's OSKA, a monitoring and forecasting system



Levers of the MoER (II)

HEIs must follow the recommendations in the analyses of OSKA

Whether or not the recommendations have been complied with is monitored every 2-3 years

HEIs may get observations through institutional accreditation

The external members of programme boards may be representatives of the MoER



Measures from the state budget

A regulation currently drafted, intended to support HEI-s by the payment of a scholarship that is to be awarded to up to 10 Master's students a year, aiming to improve the quality of theses relevant to the youth sector and prioritised by the MoER, i.e. 7-8 focuses are to be set by the ministry every year



Measures from the ESF

Writing camps of 3 days are held every spring for up to 20 Master's students

Studies, analyses and theses are regularly added to the youth research database:
<http://edu.ee/uuringud>

Cooperation between the University of Tallinn and the Finnish Youth Research Society is supported



Partnership agreements with HEIs

Development of a research-based model for improving services for young people in the risk of exclusion in cooperation with the Tallinn University

Development and piloting of a research-based model for increasing youth participation in cooperation with the Tallinn University



Partnership agreements with HEIs

Development and piloting
of a research-based model
of youth work organisation
at the local level based on a
youth-centered approach –
University of Tartu



What else can we do or have we done?

Long notice of upcoming tenders due to faculty overload, to allow them to plan their time better in advance, so that they are more likely to participate

Surveys, studies or analyses, formulation of principles

Emphasis on the quality and impact of youth work in the goals of national youth sector development plan



Other future activities

Creation of the concept of training system development and a steering committee having representatives from HEIs

Providing trainings for youth workers and leaders of youth work institutions and youth organisations, and publication of textbooks and training materials in cooperation with HEIs



Thank you

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