

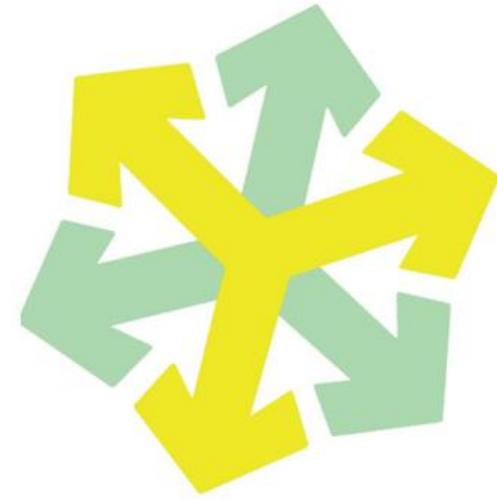
Filled with skills – enhancing the validation of prior learning by NGOs

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What is **Sivis**?

- Sivis Study Centre is **an institute promoting non-formal adult education**. Sivis is partly funded by the Ministry of Education and Culture.
- Sivis is maintained by the **Association for Educational Activities (AEA)**. We organize education and training for our member organisations (70), which represent the fields of health, education and culture, citizens' advice, the environment and other specific areas of activity. All of our member organisations are politically independent.

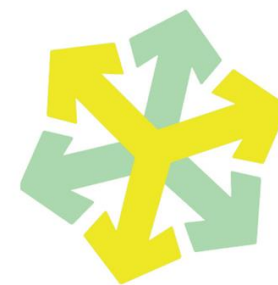


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Our goal is to enhance the validation of prior learning (informal & nonformal) in **formal education** and **working life**.



**Qualification
validation**



**Career advancement
validation**

VPL in Finland is co-operation with



Finnish National Agency for Education

The national agency responsible for developing education and training, early childhood education and care and lifelong learning, as well as for promoting internationalization.

Ministry of Education and Culture

The highest authority responsible for all publicly funded education.

Formal education providers

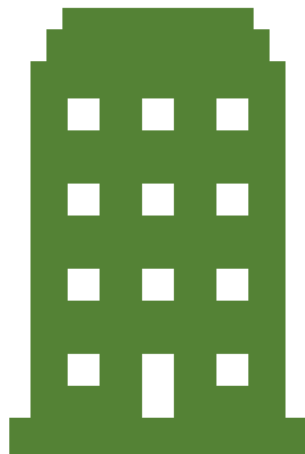
Including upper secondary level (general upper secondary school & vocational college), university of applied sciences and university.

Working life

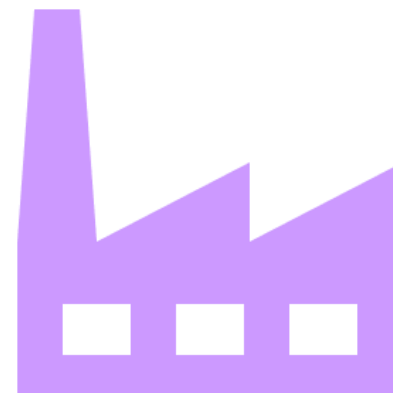
Including public and private sectors

The Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment

MEAE's task is to build an operating environment and to ensure productivity, growth, high levels of employment and well-being.



Liberal adult education providers & NGO's



National Study Register KOSKI

→ Ministry of Education and Culture

Working group for validating competencies & skills in liberal adult education

FiNQF - Finnish National Framework for Qualifications and Other Competence Modules

→ Ministry of Education and Culture

Working group for coordination of broadening the FiNQF

“Interpretation forums”

Conversation between formal education providers and NGO’s → aim is to compare skills & competences within NGO’s to formal qualifications.

CompLeap-project

EU-funded project that aims to create new EU-wide digital services that help individuals in competence development.

Application programming interface, API)

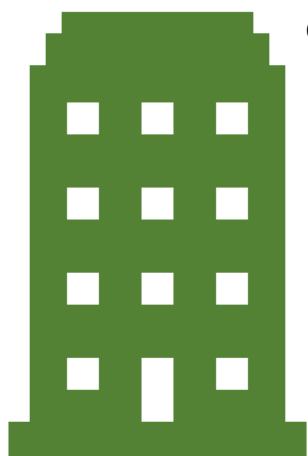
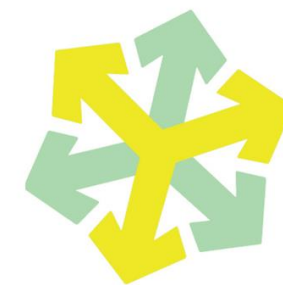
Sivisverkko-webservice

- ✓ Study register
- ✓ Strong authentication
- ✓ Competence-based goals
- ✓ ECTS-points
- ✓ EQF-level
- ✓ ESCO-skills

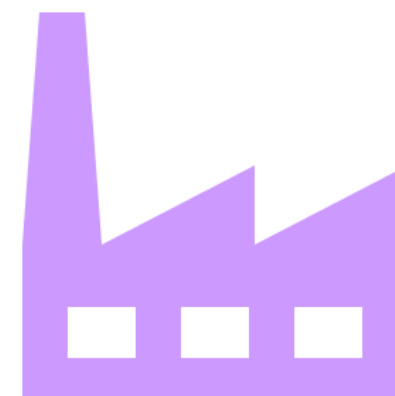
Different services and apps mapping skills & competencies

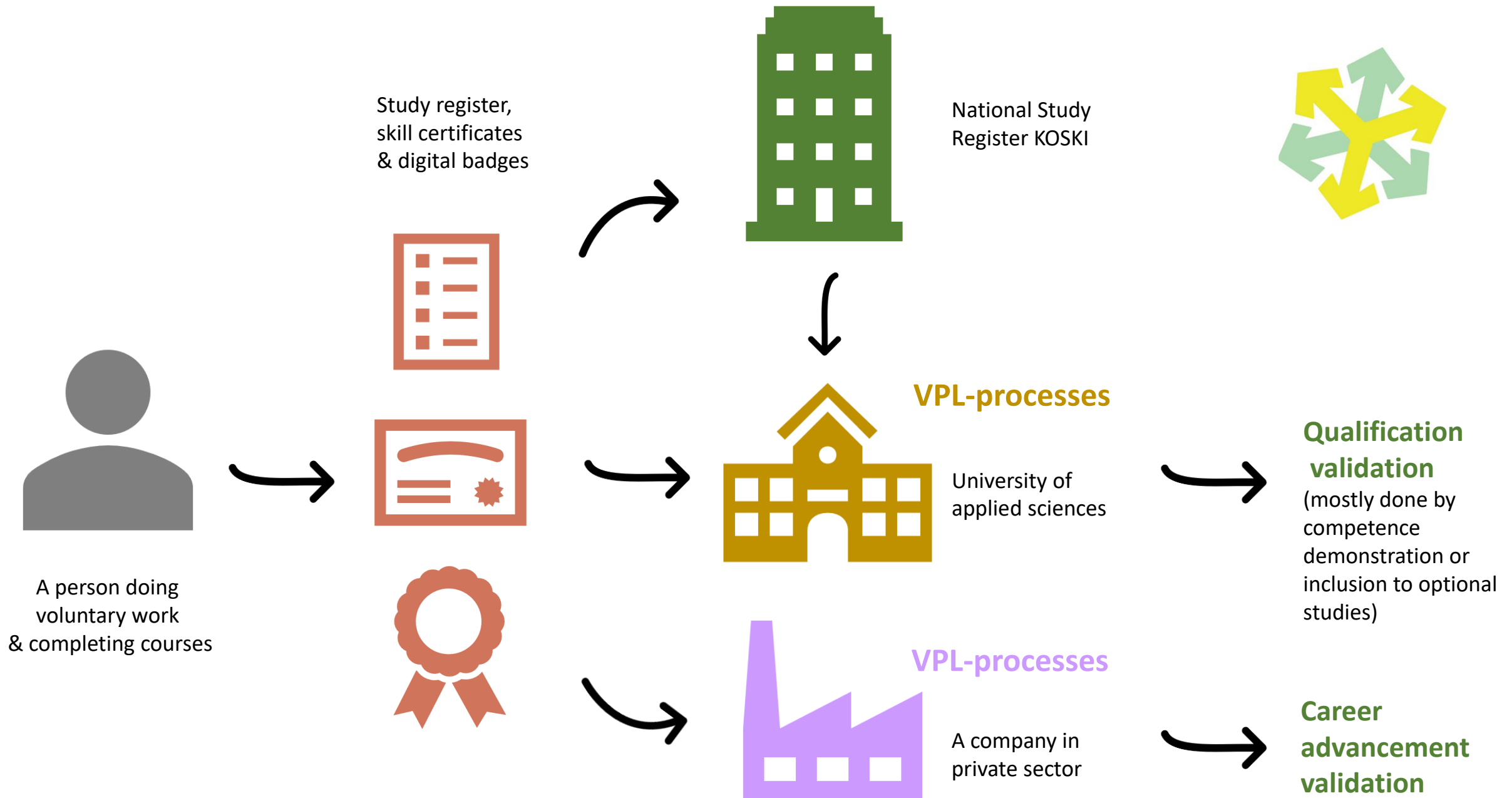
Job Marketplace –site

→ Possibility to broaden the ESCO-classification and “fill the gap”

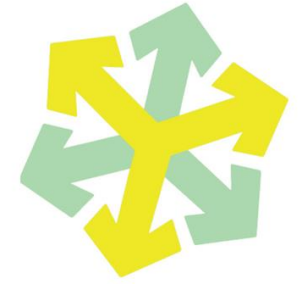


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How to enhance VPL?



1.

"We must include liberal adult education as a part of national services and systems."

- The legislation
- Recommendations (EU)
- Common "rules of the game"(Sitra)
- Interpretation forums
- Classifications and the frames of referencies (ESCO, EQF, ECTS)

2.

"We must guide NGO's to produce competence-based documents of their activities (training & voluntary work)."

- Competence-based orientation
- Study register
- Skill certificates and digital open badges
- Tools to help recognize and open skills & competencies

3.

"We must make liberal adult education more widely known."

- Non-formal educational provider's status
- Filled with skills -webcourse