

# Luovi Vocational College

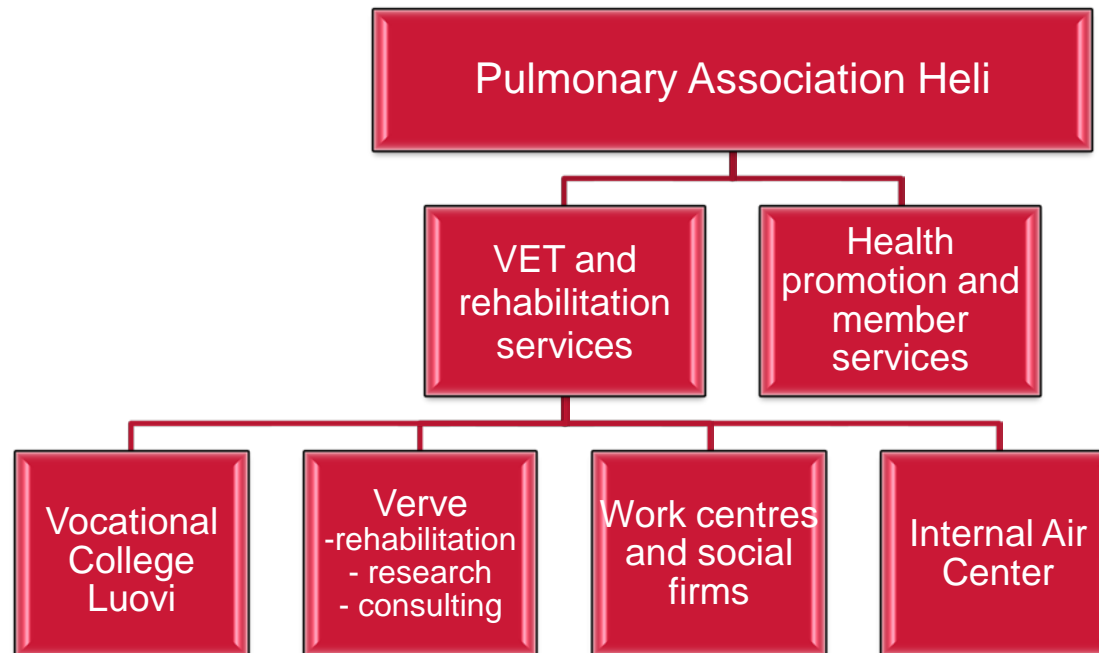
Versatile studies and student services

## Luovi in figures

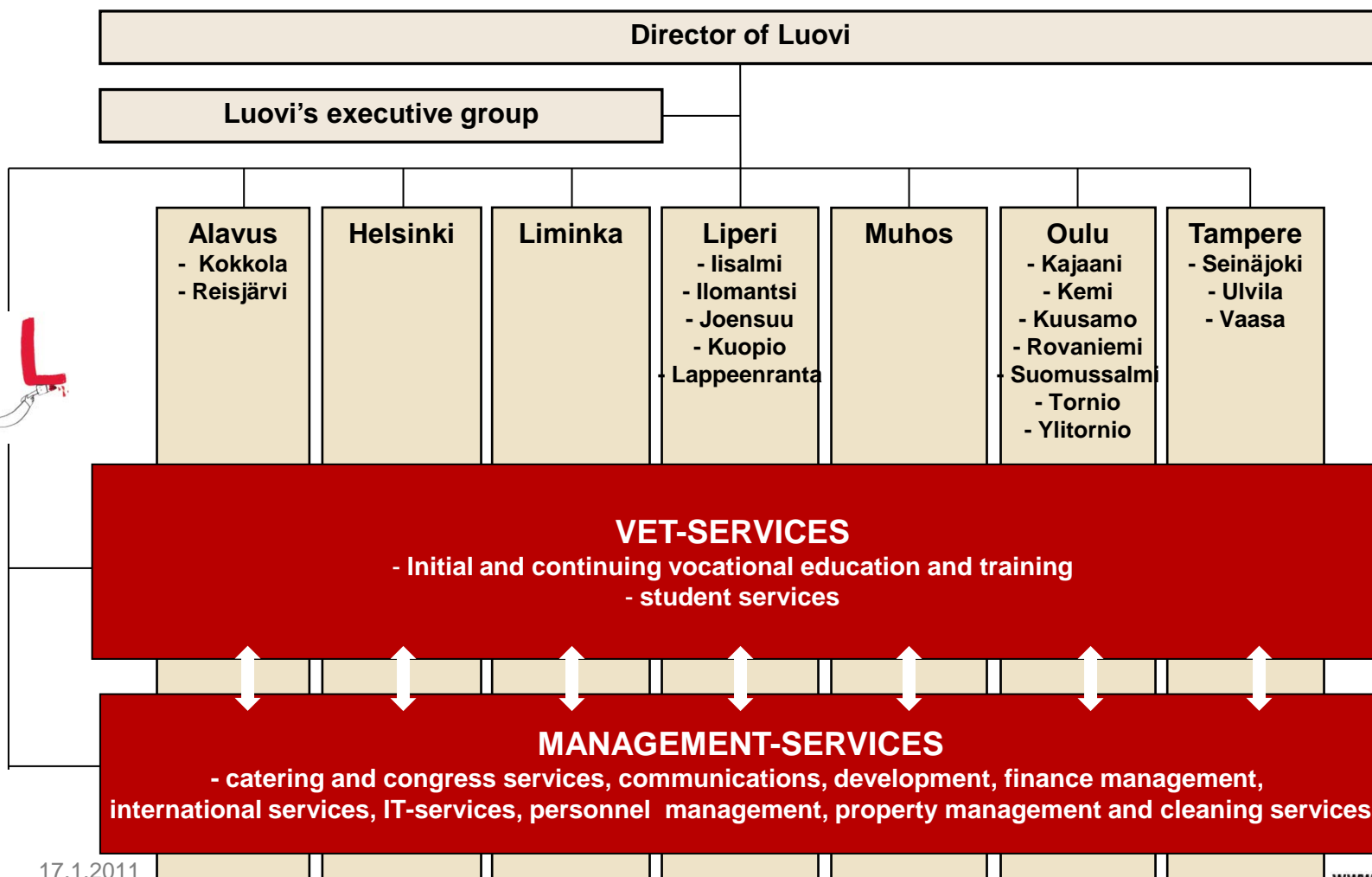
- The largest vocational special education and training college in Finland
- Spread across 24 sites
- Staff over 860
- About 1 500 students in initial VET
- About 1 300 participants in continuing VET
- Turnover 56,4 million euro (2009)



# Luovi as a part of Pulmonary Association

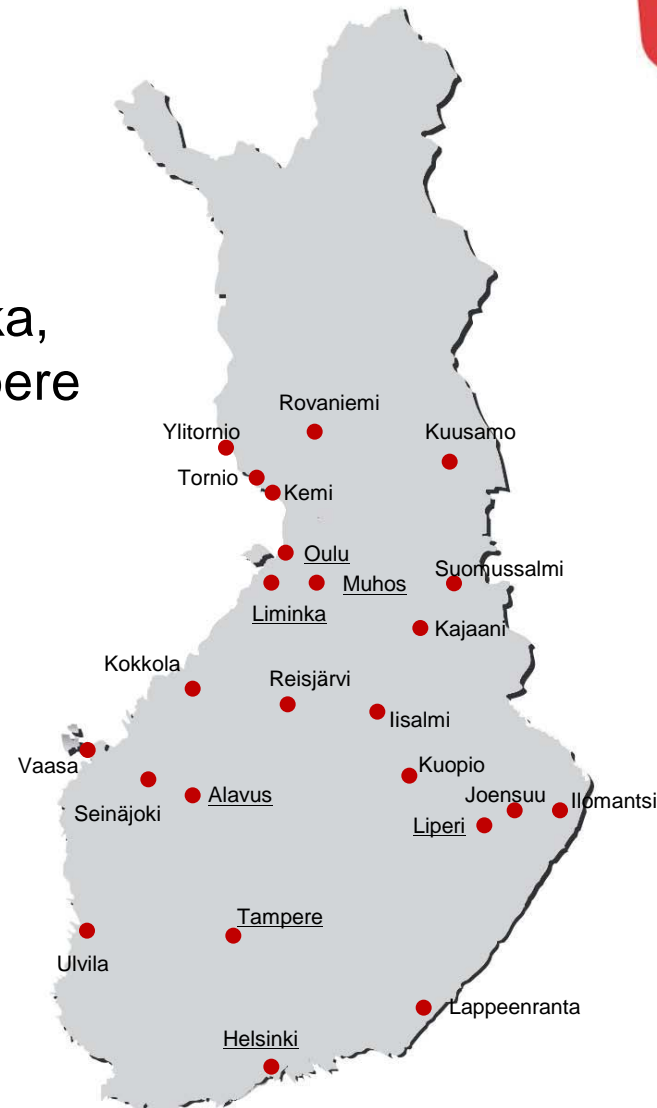


# Vocational College Luovi



## Units and sites

- Administration based in Oulu
- Units: Alavus, Helsinki, Liminka, Liperi, Muhos, Oulu and Tampere
- Sites in 17 locations



## Luovi's mission statement

Luovi Vocational College offers equal learning opportunities and individually tailored routes to employment and to a good quality of life.



## Luovi's vision

We aim to be the most competent and highly regarded national provider of vocational special needs education and training for young people and adults and an esteemed specialist and partner in the field of vocational special needs education and training.



## Luovi's values

- Creativity
- Innovation
- Competence
- Caring
- Joy
- **L**uovuus
- **U**udistajuus
- **O**saaminen
- **V**älittäminen
- **I**lo





## Strategic goals –2015

We promote employment of people with special needs and strive to enhance their status in society by providing the best education and training services in Finland.

A stable economy that ensures continuity.

We aim to be the most competent and most highly regarded national provider of vocational special needs education and training for young people and adults and an esteemed national specialist and partner in the field of vocational special needs education and training.

All our activities reflect the renowned high-grade and Luovi-Quality.

Competent, healthy and a happy working community.

## Luovi's financing

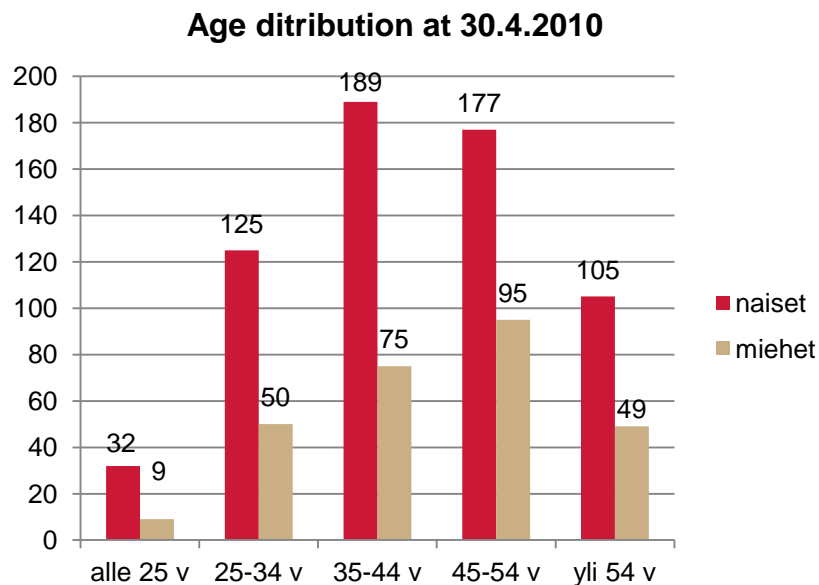
- Turnover 56,4 m€ (2009)
- Financing of initial vocational education and training is based on study places and student classification
- Structure of financing for continuing vocational education and training:

Financing	%
State subsidy from the Ministry of Education	42
Apprenticeship training	15
Centres for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment as well as Employment and economic development centres	41
Commercial services	3



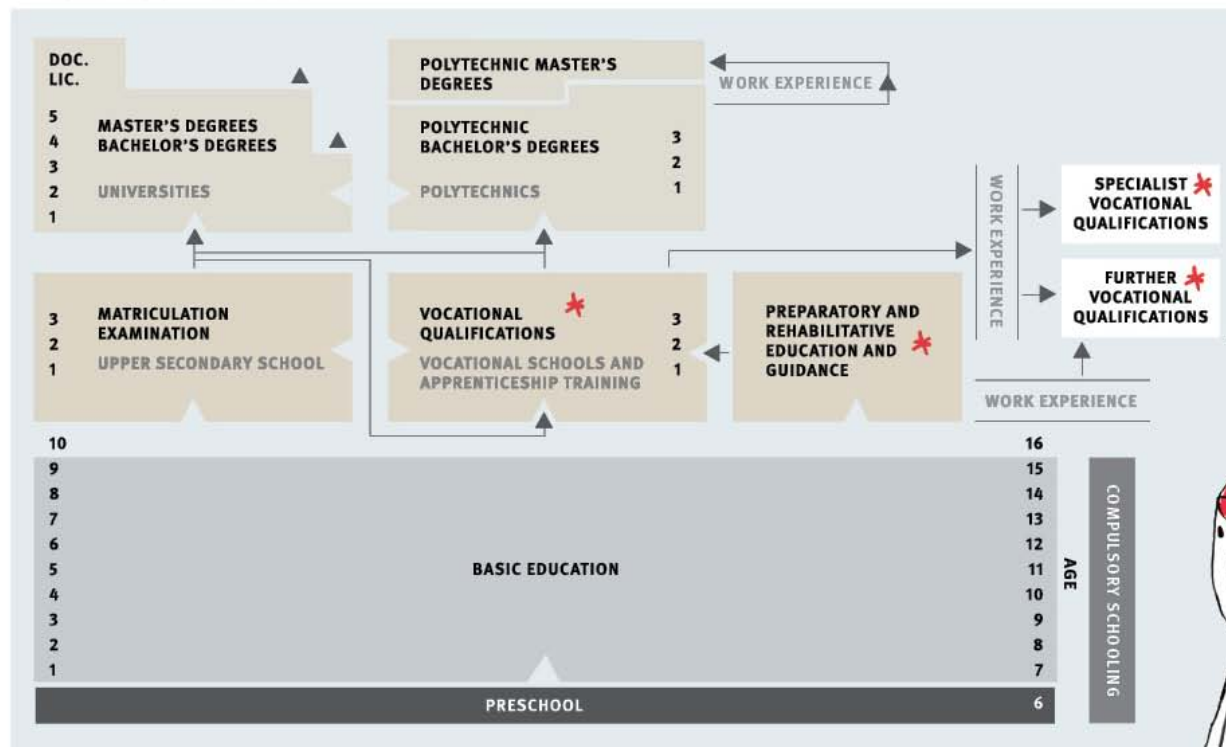
## Luovi's staff

- Luovi employs more than 860 experts
- Two thirds of them work within teaching and student services
- Luovi provides extensive training for employees



# The Education System of Finland

THE EDUCATION SYSTEM IN FINLAND



# Initial VET in Luovi



## Student selection

- Student selection is based on the Finnish legislation for VET > Need for special support
- Reasons may include mental health and social problems, minor developmental delays, reading and writing difficulties and developmental disorders
- Student selection is done by a multidisciplinary team
- Guidance to IVET and Training-try-outs before applying



# Students at Luovi

## Bases for special needs education and training (2010)

- Difficulties in conceptualization, attentiveness and concentration 10%
- Verbal difficulties 11%
- Interaction and behavioral problems 8%
- Delayed development 21%
- Severe delayed development 22%
- Long-term mental illnesses 16%
- Long-term physical illnesses 3%
- Learning difficulties due to autism and Asperger syndrome 5%
- Mobility and motor difficulties 1%
- Hearing or visually impaired students 1%
- Other grounds for special needs education 4%



## Studying at Luovi

- Learning by doing
- Versatile learning and environments
  - e.g. cafes, green houses, restaurants and shops and practice firms
- Extensive student services
- Preparatory and rehabilitative training and guidance
- Vocational qualifications, which give
  - General eligibility for higher education





## Preparatory training

- Pre-vocational preparatory instruction and guidance (mainly 40 credits/1year)
  - Basic skills for VET
  - Vocationally oriented
- For work and independent life (mainly 80 credits/2years)
  - For example cookery, building maintenance, metalwork, storage work



## Vocational qualifications

- Scope of studies 120 credits (3 years)
- 90 credits vocational studies, including minimum 20 credits on-the-job learning, 5 credits entrepreneurship and 2 credits final project
- 10 free-choice studies
- 20 credits core subjects: languages, maths, arts, workplace studies, physical and health education

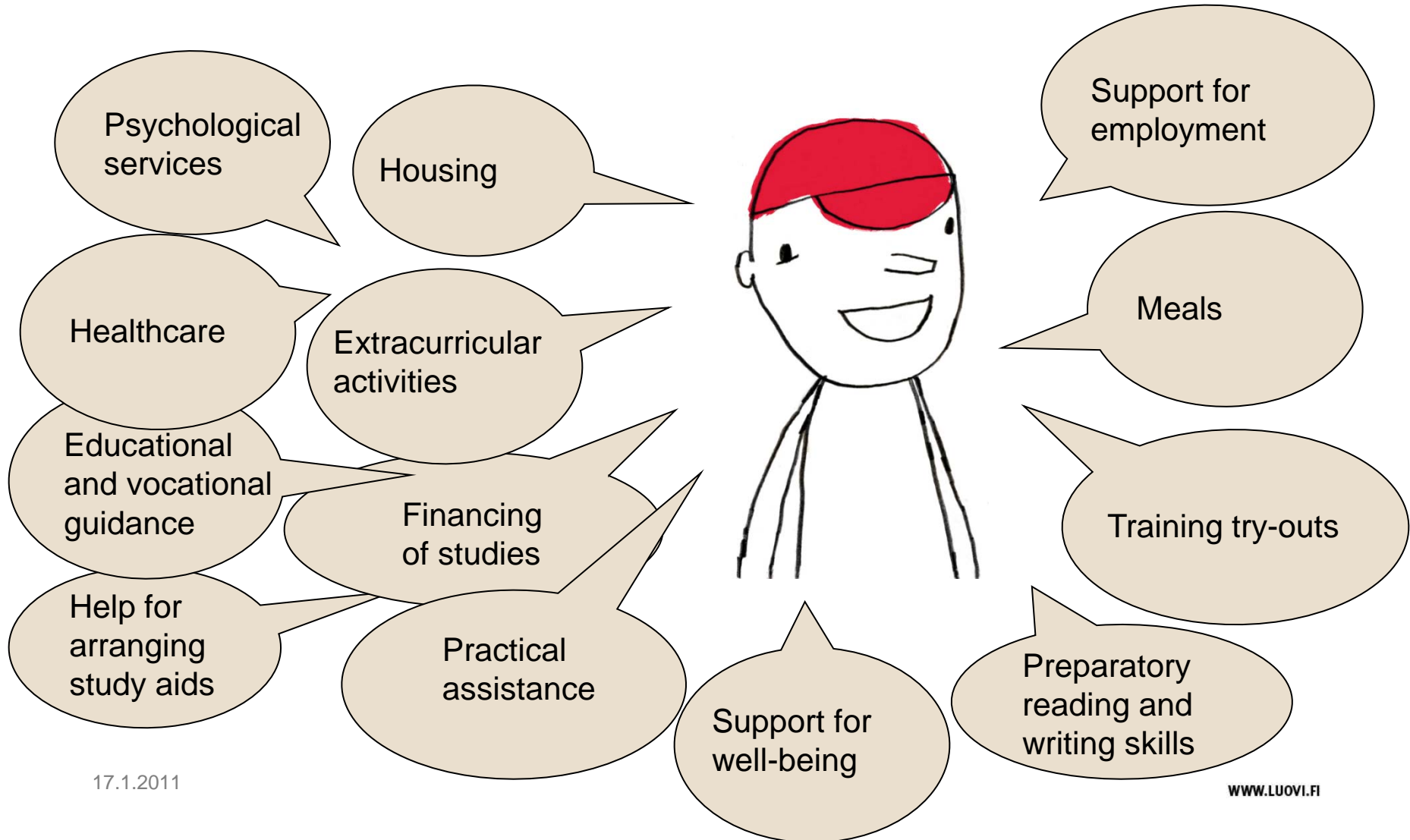


## Initial VET Study fields

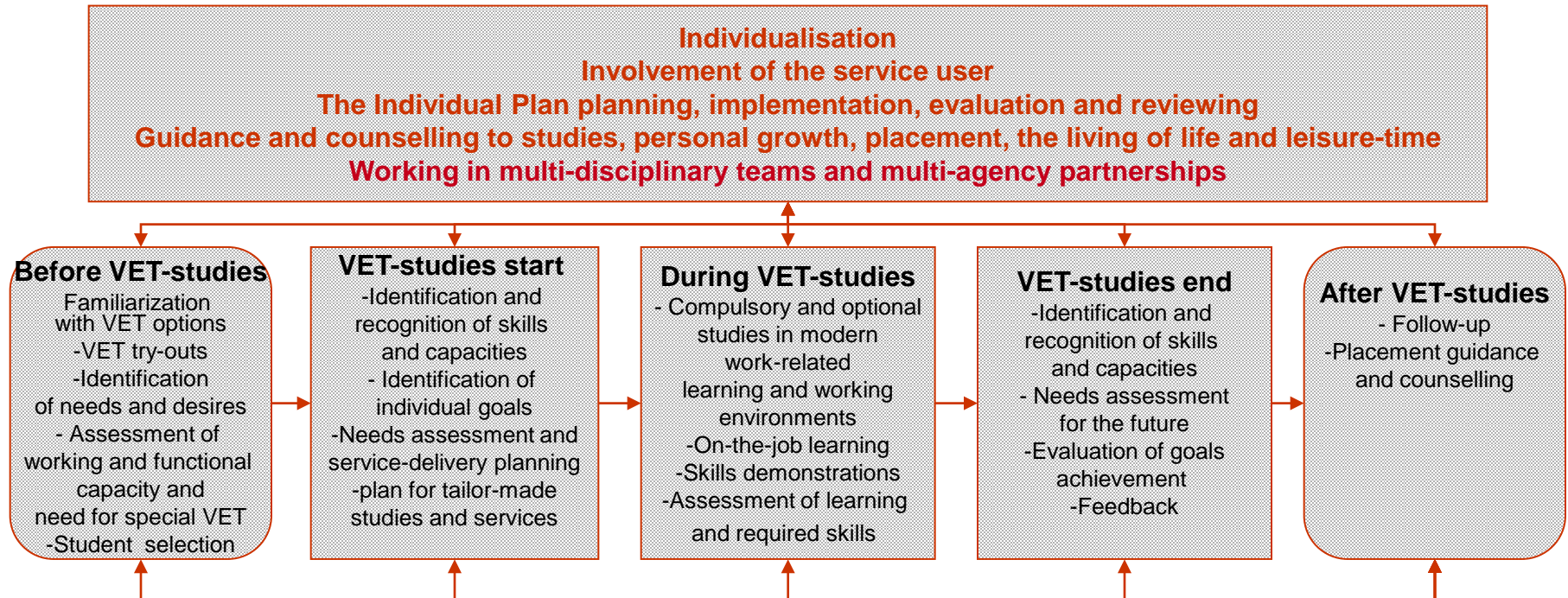
- Culture
  - Audio visual communication
- Natural resources and Environment
  - Horticulture, agriculture
- Natural sciences
  - IT
- Social sciences, business and administration
- Technology and Transportation
  - Metal, woodwork, electronics, logistics
- Tourism, catering and Home economics
- 22 Vocational Qualifications



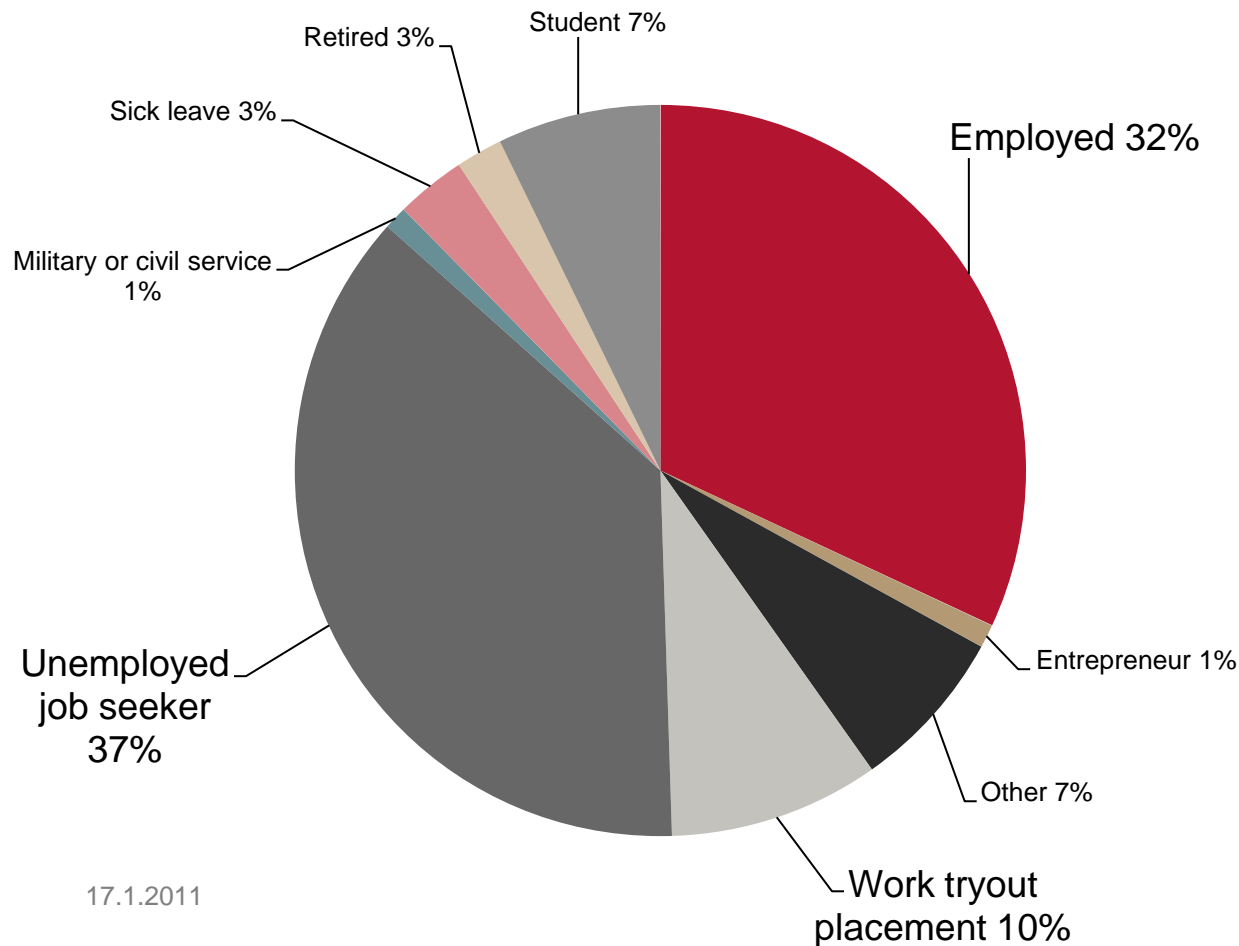
# Student services



# Training and student service system



# Placement after completion of certificate-oriented upper secondary VET



## Activities other than working life

- Activity centre
- Rehabilitation
- Preparatory training for working life

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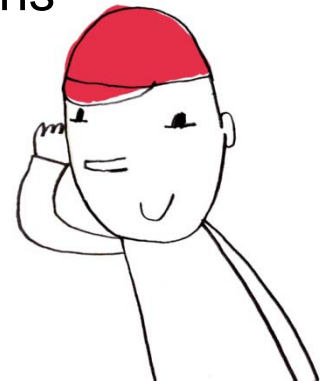
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# Continuing VET in Luovi



## Continuing VET

- Funded mainly by the
  - Ministry of Education and Culture
  - Ministry of Labour via tendering
- Main target is to improve the professional skills and employability of adults with special needs
- Preparatory training for competence-based qualifications
- Competence-based qualifications
  - Further vocational qualifications
  - Specialist vocational qualifications
- In-house training
- Apprenticeship training





## Students in Continuing VET

- Adults changing career or field of studies
- Unemployed adults
- Adults with mental health problems
- Adults with learning and social problems
- Inmates



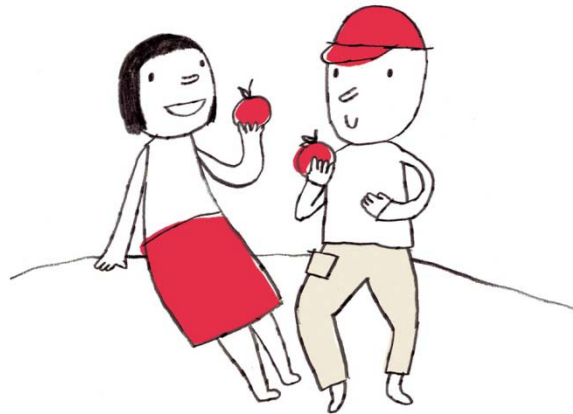
## Luovi as a Special VET expertise provider

- Luovi is a development and service centre for Special VET
- Provision of expertise for educational institutions and other co-operation partners e.g. for teachers and counseling staff

- Lectures and training
- Consultancy
- Research and publications
- Teaching materials



# International co-operation



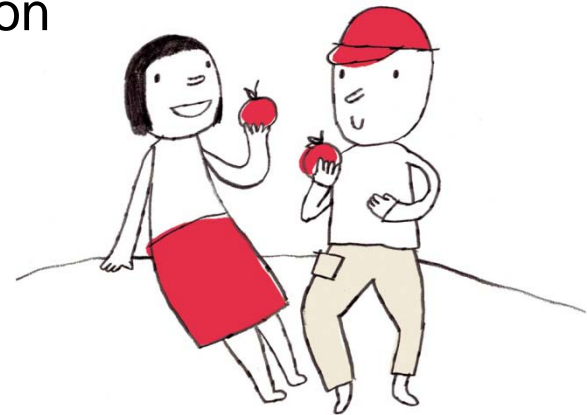
## International co-operation

- Strategy for international co-operation
- Leonardo da Vinci certifications for student and staff mobility projects
- Student exchanges and on-the-job learning abroad
  - About 50 students/year
- Staff exchanges
  - About 40 staff members/year
- Development projects
  - E.g. Comenius, Leonardo, Nordplus, Grundtvig and projects funded by National Board of Education



# International co-operation

- Luovi participates in the following networks:
  - European Platform for Rehabilitation (EPR)
  - European Forum for Vocational and Technical Education (EFVET)
  - International Vocational Education Training Association (IVETA)



# Luovi-Quality



## Quality in VET in Finland

- Quality Framework for VET in Finland
  - VET legislation: act and degree
  - Education and Research in Finland, Development Plan (2007-2012)
  - National Core Curricula for VET study fields
  - Quality Management Recommendation for VET
    - Based on CQAF and EFQM
  - National education evaluations with special topics by the Finnish Education and Evaluation Council
  - Quality Award for VET by the Ministry of Education and Culture including a special topic each year



# Luovi-Quality

- The role of Luovi's quality-work is to
  - promote and verify homogenous and high Luovi-Quality
  - implement quality as close as possible to daily work and for the work of all staff and students
- Quality work is mainly based on CQAF and EQARF frameworks, EFQM-model and EQUASS approach
- Links
  - Quality-work in Luovi 2010-2015 (Road-map)
  - Luovi's process-map
  - Objectives and indicators
  - Evaluation system and results of evaluations







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