



CASE STUDY SUMMARY: FINLAND

Number	SUMMARY	SECTOR
CS1	<p>CS 1 RPL for FE Qualification- Cleaning: Case Study about work-based learning validated through the VET educational sector (Savo Vocational College): based on one individual case, this CS describes in detail the processes of guidance & self assessment an individual goes through to have her work-based learning validated at the college, and how the validation system enables her to complement her vocational competences through practical experience in an “authentic” working environment, before being able to take a competence test, so that she can complete her training on the job. The CS highlights the role of the guidance counsellor, and the role of the VET school in acting as a mediator with a company for a work placement. The process described can reduce in this way the time it takes to train on a formal programme (3 years) 6 months.</p>	VET
CS2	<p>CS2 ISOK , Validation for Immigrants: The CS is about ISOK, an Eastern Finnish co-operation project, coordinated by Savo Vocational College. It is the story of a partnership between the University of Eastern Finland and the North Karelia College. The project aims to enable flexibility and mobility in the education and work market and help companies in Eastern Finland to work in a multicultural environment and encourage them to employ immigrants. It also aims to increase cooperation between companies and training organisations in the region and provide businesses with models of multicultural working procedure, as well as research on guidance methodology. It provides tools on validation procedures, quality in validation, and training.</p> <p>The CS then report on a candidate’s story, an Italian chef with a high level of competence and a long experience but no formal qualification, but unable to find work after moving to the area, in spite of his fluency in Finnish.</p> <p>The story is then told by The VPL guidance counsellor, who talks candidly about her interactions with and her feelings about this candidate’s attitude, and the collaborative effort to find him a work placement.</p>	VET, AE/3 rd Sector