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Self-assessment procedures of VET providers

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Decentralised government

- Parliament of Finland
- Ministry of Education and Culture
- Finnish National Board of Education
- VET providers: Federation of Municipalities, Municipalities or private organisations
- relatively autonomous VET providers
- 134 VET providers (2000: 212 providers)
- VET providers will be merged to form larger entities
- No inspection system in Finland



The two parts to self-assessment in Finland

The VET system is based on national steering

There has been a Quality Management Recommendation since late 1990s which includes self-assessment/evaluation

1. **the law** requires self-assessment from VET providers and their participation in the national external evaluations
2. **the VET Quality Strategy 2011-2020** e.g. providers can choose their own methods of quality management and self-assessment
3. By 2015 VET providers should have **an effective quality assurance and quality improvement system/operational system.** (The Parliament)

VET reform is currently happening in Finland.



Self-assessment in Finnish VET

Self-assessment is part of the national external evaluation

- In 2015 all VET providers completed a self-assessment based on the common criteria (in line with EQAVET). A national evaluation report was published and the further development of QA systems based on results at the VET provider level is going on
- **Common criteria** are prepared by the committee of stakeholders e.g. the criteria for self-assessment
- VET providers' results of self-assessment were published on the webpage of FNBE
- The next national evaluation of QA systems based on self-assessment of VET providers will be in 2019
- Part of the national external evaluation is based on the self-assessment of VET providers

Providers can choose their preferred methods and timetable of self-assessment as part of their own evaluation system.



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Thank you!



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