

# Educational Visit to Schools & Training Seminars in Finland 24-30/04/2022

Εκπαίδευση στη  
Φινλανδία

Education in Finland

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Finlândia



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"Education does not change the world.  
Education changes people.  
People change the world."  
Paulo Freire

# What I learned while I was here..

## Finnish history

- Independence 1917 ->
  - Civil War: 40 000 lost lives
  - Reconstruction after the Civil War, legislation (land for people, school act)
  - Bad relations with Soviet Russia 1920-1930s
  - Parliament's authority strengthened gradually



## The Era of the National Building, late 19th century

- Golden era of the Finnish painting
- First published novels
- Beginning of theatre in Finnish language
- Language struggle: Swedish
- Kalevala – the national epic



## Information on the State of Finland

### Finland in brief

- Population: 5,5 million (18 inhabitants / sq. km)
- Two official languages: Finnish and Swedish
- 6,2 % of the population with foreign background
- education level of the working age population:
  - 13% basic education
  - 45% upper secondary education
  - 42% tertiary education



Statistics Finland 2016, Education at a Glance 2016, City of Helsinki m

### Modern Finland

- Economic growth 1945–1991, full employment
- Strong industry, specially forestry and metal industry
- Welfare state (following the Swedish model)
- Emphasis on education!
- Recession in the early 1990s (European Union (1995 ->))
- Rise (and fall) of Nokia, game industry
- Slow recovery from 2008
- International immigration crisis
- Ageing population
- Economic growth started again



# We learned about...



CULTURE



TRADITIONS



RELIGION



GASTRONOMY

EDUCATION



POLICY



ECONOMY

# Education in Finland!

Education raises the standard of living!  
Education is developed in partnership  
Teachers feel valued  
Collective and individual approach  
Guidance and counseling  
Key competences for lifelong learning  
Development as a human being and as a citizen



## Key competences for lifelong learning

- learning and problem solving
- interaction and cooperation
- vocational ethics
- health, safety and ability to function
- initiative and entrepreneurship
- sustainable development
- aesthetics
- communication and media skills
- mathematics and sciences
- technology and ICT
- active citizenship and different cultures

# What I learned about schools in Finland

Positive learning environment



Substantial and active learning



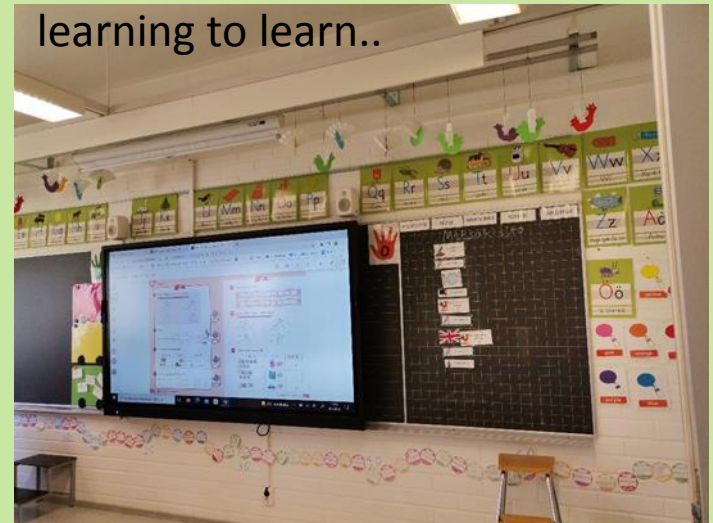
Inclusive education



Learning that promotes creativity, critical thinking, thinking and learning to learn..



Learning by using tools



The educational environment in schools is pleasant, friendly, attractive, rich in infrastructure, that utilizes every modern tool!



Learning through play, joy of learning



# What I saw while I was here..



**NATURE**



**CIVILIZATION**



**INNOVATION**

**GENDER EQUALITY**



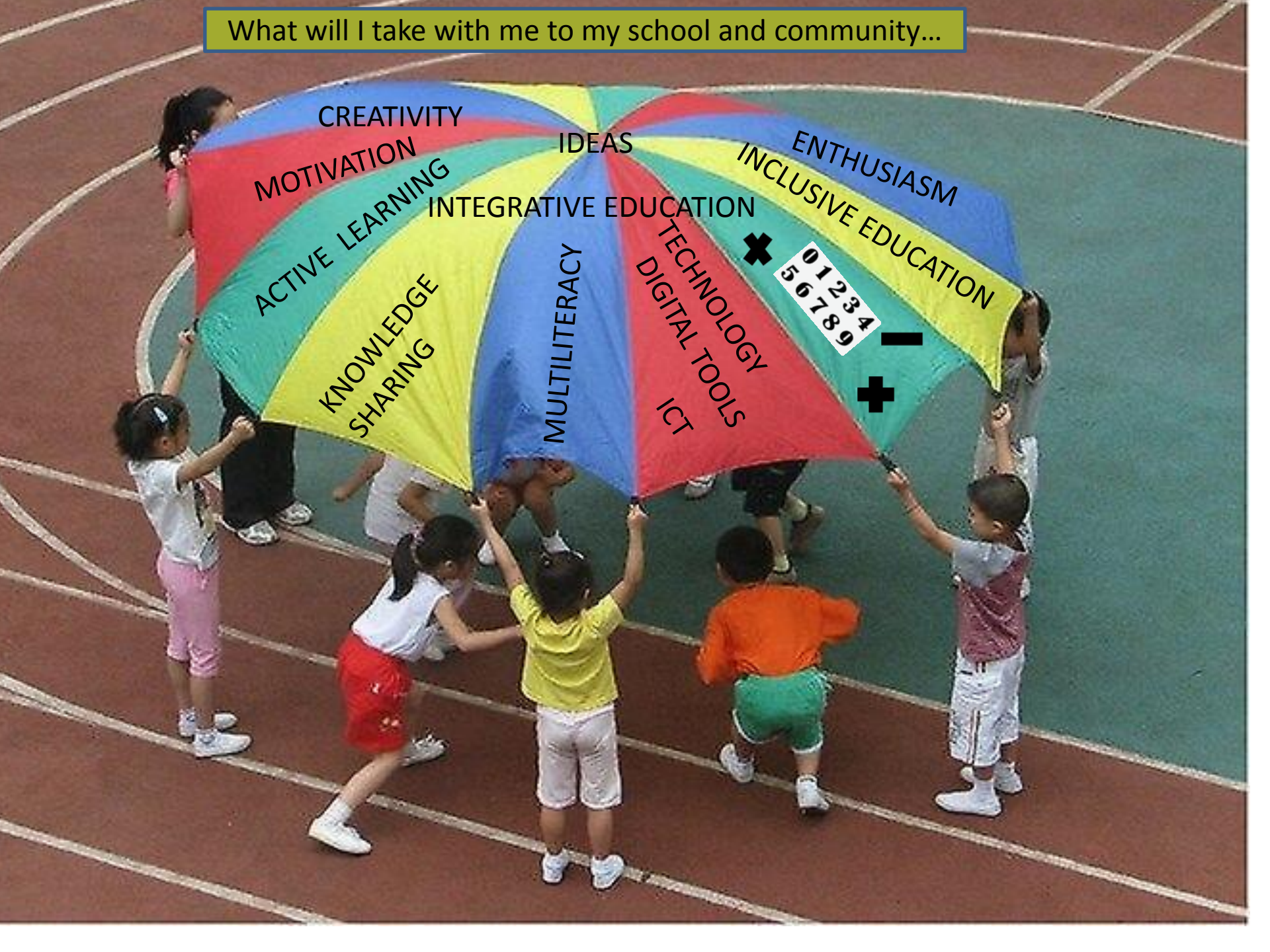
**SUSTAINABILITY**



**OPPORTUNITY**



What will I take with me to my school and community...



CREATIVITY

MOTIVATION

ACTIVE LEARNING

KNOWLEDGE SHARING

IDEAS

INTEGRATIVE EDUCATION

MULTILITERACY

TECHNOLOGY  
DIGITAL TOOLS  
ICT

ENTHUSIASM

INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

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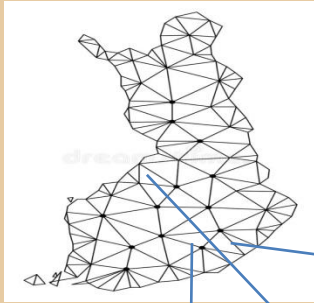


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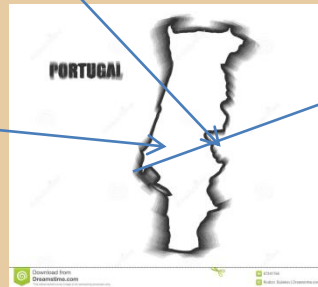
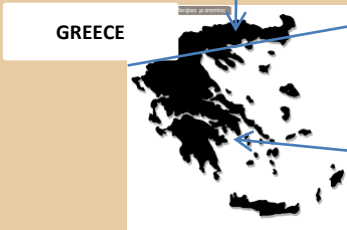
of our experience in Finland..

..to students, colleagues at my school and in the local and wider community, parents' association, educational authorities, local authorities, local press....

*..collaborations on Etwinning and Erasmus + KA2 projects*



...website, social media, etc.



We wish success to all of you!!!