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EUA Lifelong Learning Charter & ULLL present state in Finland. Case University of Joensuu

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1. Embedding concepts of widening access and lifelong learning in the institutional strategies

- OU activities since 1972, ULLL strategy 2007-
- *New University Law 2009: LLL as a University mission*
- Report 2008: LLL Strategies of Finnish Universities

2. Providing education and learning to a diversified student population

- Continuing Professional Education
- In-service training
- *Regional development*
- Open University & University Of The Third Age
- Education of immigrants
- Challenge: accumulation of adult education

3. Adapting study programmes to ensure that they are designed to widen participation and attract returning adult learners

- Flexible learning paths
- Possibility to proceed towards MD through Open university studies
- New in Finland! Academic contract learning in CPE & Special competences in the national framework
- New way of defining learning outcomes, APEL, learning at work

4. Providing appropriate guidance and counselling services

- Relevant part of the new national reforms
- Educational guidance and counselling
- Psychological student counselling
- Virtual challenging face-to-face
- Common guidance points for all adult education in Eastern Finland

5. Recognising prior learning

- Finnish universities not the first in line
- *Strong commitment for national development*
- Development projects e.g. by the University of Turku and Kuopio

6. Embracing lifelong learning in quality culture

- Quality system accreditation coming for the new University of Eastern Finland 2010 (*LLL included*)
- Challenge of merging two quality cultures
- Quality system prerequisite in almost all competitive bidding (national/local)
- Quality assurance and quality enhancement

7. Strengthening the relationship between research, teaching and innovation in a perspective of lifelong learning

- *Links to research as the core essence of ULLL*
- From courses to projects
- ULLL as a focus of research

8. Consolidating reforms to promote a flexible and creative learning environment for all students

- *Development of learning process as a basic mission*
- Blended learning through networks
- Development work together with faculties
- Making use of social media, second life

9. Developing partnerships at local, regional, national and international level to provide attractive and relevant programmes

- Networks of faculties, companies and experts
- Network of HEIs in the Region (regional advisory boards)
- Networks of authorities and CEC: Examples: medical doctors, Future of North Karelia, Future of agriculture of North Karelia
- Open university network

10. Acting as role models of lifelong learning institutions

- Expertise Management System in CEC
- Adaptation: Learning during structural change
- UCEF