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## Educa-messut 24.-25.1. Helsingissä

Pohjoismaiden suurin opetus- ja kasvatusalan tapahtuma Educa-messut järjestetään Helsingin Messukeskuksessa 24.-25.1. EDUCA-lippulaiva on mukana messuilla järjestämässä kahta keskusteluohjelmaa yhdessä EduRESCUE-hankkeen kanssa. Messuille on maksuton pääsy.

Visio-lavalla kuullaan perjantaina klo 12.30-13.15 paneelikeskustelu **Resilientti koulu: Miten kouluyhteisön psyykkistä turvaverkostoa rakennetaan?** Keskustelua alustavat tutkijatohtori **Olli-Pekka Heinimäki**, professori **Eija Pakarinen** ja yliopistotutkija **Katja Upadyaya**. Paneelikeskustelijoina kuullaan opetusneuvos **Pia Kola-Torvinen** Opetushallituksesta, Helsingin yliopiston Viikin normaalikoulun rehtori **Ilkka Laasonen**, Vanhempainliiton toiminnanjohtaja **Saija Ohtonen-Jones** ja Lukiolaisten liiton tuore puheenjohtaja **Veikka Ormio**. Keskustelua johtavat professori **Marja-Kristiina Lerkkanen** ja ohjelmajohtaja **Marjo Kurki**.

Perjantaina iltapäivällä klo 14.15–14.45 Taito-lavalla paneudutaan rehtorien työhön keskustelussa **Rehtorit ja resilienssi – kouluuyhteisön johtaminen tänään ja huomenna**. Aiheesta keskustelemassa professori **Marja-Kristiina Lerkkanen** sekä rehtori ja Suomen Rehtorit ry:n puheenjohtaja **Antti Ikonen**. Ohjelman aluksi kuullaan ensimmäistä kertaa vuoden 2024 Rehtoribarometrin tuloksia.

EDUCA-lippulaivan tutkijoita on mukana myös monissa muissa keskusteluissa. Esimerkiksi lauantaina klo 10:45–12:00 Tahto-lavalla järjestetään paneelikeskustelu **Merkityksellinen esiopetus nyt ja tulevaisuudessa**, jossa keskustellaan mm. kaksivuotisesta esiopetuskokeilusta sekä siitä, millainen olisi tulevaisuuden eskari lasten ja ammattilaisten näkökulmasta. Mukana keskustelussa on mm. professori **Maarit Alasuutari**.

Tutustu Educa-messujen koko ohjelmaan

Lippulaivan esitteitä voi noutaa Jyväskylän (6D20) ja Turun yliopiston (6E20) ständeiltä!

## International program of Educa fair

Educa fair will feature an English-language program addressing Finnish education challenges and solutions with a global perspective, and showcase the latest educational tools for international markets. The program on the International Stage is in English, and it can be followed via livestream. The entrance to the Educa fair is free of charge.

Please find more information about the international program



## The trial for two-year pre-primary education changed the social environment of five-year-olds in early childhood education

Researchers at the University of Jyväskylä have examined structural factors related to the quality of early childhood education in the experimental and control groups involved in the two-year pre-primary education trial conducted from 2021 to 2024.

Read more about how the experimental and control groups differed in terms of factors related to the teaching and education staff and composition of the child groups.

News article in Finnish

News article in English



### 11.2.2025: Online workshop “From Research to Policy: Bridging the Gap”

EDUCA unites a diverse collective of researchers, spanning a broad spectrum of research topics, academic expertise, and policy-making experience. Central to EDUCA's mission is the effective dissemination of scientific insights to policymakers, fostering meaningful dialogue between the research community and policymakers.

The 'Multi-level and Multi-sited Educational Policy Making' research team warmly invites all

EDUCA members to participate in an upcoming event ***From Research to Policy: Bridging the Gap*** on the 11th of February, from 12:15 to 14:00 hrs, online in Zoom.

This online workshop is an excellent opportunity for all EDUCA members to contribute their ideas to EDUCA's possibilities to influence policy and share insights from their experiences in policymaking. Please save the date and sign up by February 4th to join us. The calendar invitation with the Zoom link for the event will be sent to all participants.

Program:

12.15 Opening words (Associate Professor **Mira Kalalahti**, University of Jyväskylä)

12.20 Navigating complexities in child politics research (Associate Professor **Maiju Paananen**, Tampere University)

12.45 The intertwinement of 'national' and 'local' in education policy (Professor **Janne Varjo**, University of Helsinki)

13.00 Group discussions

13.45 Wrap up and next steps (Research Professor **Taina Saarinen**, University of Jyväskylä)

We look forward to having you join us and share your insights!

Sign up for the workshop

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## Research grant for the Principals' Barometer study

EDUCA's postdoctoral researcher **Mailis Elomaa** has received a one-year grant from the Finnish Work Environment Fund (Työsuojelurahasto) to continue working at the University of Helsinki on the Principals' Barometer. The title of the research project is "*Peruskoulun rehtoreiden käsitykset heidän saamastaan sosiaalisesta tuesta sekä kontekstuaalisten tekijöiden rooli heidän kokemuksissaan.*" The research question is guided by the content of the barometer.



- My research project focuses on the qualitative interview data we collected in spring 2024 to gain a more in-depth understanding of principals' experiences regarding well-being, work-community, shared leadership, social support, stress experiences, and recovery. During this funding period, a new round of interview data collection will be conducted, focusing more on the influence of contextual factors on received social support, Mailis Elomaa says.

The Principals' Barometer is an ongoing follow-up study of principals and school leaders of primary and upper secondary education in Finland. The research is carried out in co-operation between the University of Helsinki and Suomen Rehtorit ry.

**The Principals' Barometer 2024 will be published next week, on January 23.** Stay tuned on

our social media channels and EDUCA Flagship website!

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## "Language-aware teaching requires a new way of thinking"

Finnish schools have become multilingual relatively quickly – and that's why the expertise of EDUCA Flagship's postdoctoral researcher **Elisa Repo** will be in high demand in the coming years. Repo says that language-aware teaching requires a new way of thinking in comprehensive schools, which were originally built for a homogeneous population.

Crucial insights into multilingual schools were born in California, where Elisa Repo spent a year finishing her doctoral dissertation at Berkeley Language Center. She would like to take these to Finnish schools.

[Read Elisa's interview in Tiedonportti magazine](#)

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## EDUCA Flagship Consortium Meeting 14.-15.5.2025 in Turku

The whole EDUCA Flagship network will meet again in spring, this time in Turku. The two-day event will take place in Turku Science Park (next to Kupittaa station).

The programme on the first day (14 May), starting at 9 am, is aimed at senior researchers

and post docs. The programme for doctoral researchers will start in the afternoon at 14.00. In the evening, starting at 17.00, there will be a relaxed get-together with the whole flagship onboard!

The programme continues the next mornin (15 May) with stakeholder networking and round table discussions.

Further details on registration and timetables will be announced in February. However, hotel reservations should be made now, as there are other major events taking place in Turku at the same time!

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## Please report your EDUCA activities

Reporting the research activities and activities with stakeholders and business partners to the funder (Research Council of Finland) is an important part of the flagship. We will continuously collect information that has to be reported, such as presentations, publications and cooperation with stakeholders.

Please visit the reporting form so that you know what kind of information is relevant to the funder. Don't forget to fill in activites regulary!

[Reporting form](#)

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