



Team Finland 2020



How is training organised?

The competition system is co-ordinated by **Skills Finland**. The main partners are the Ministry of Education, labour market organisations and organisers of vocational education and training.

Training is coordinated by **skill managers** who are appointed by Skills Finland. There is a skill manager for each skill.

Skill training teams are open to all students who want to develop their skills. Skill training teams usually consist of the skill manager, the expert for the upcoming competition and other professionals, such as former competitors or working life representatives.

Experts are chosen by Skills Finland based on applications. Experts are usually teachers at vocational schools.

Trial competitions are organised for students to select the competitor for each skill.

Every competitor is supported by their **background organisation**, usually a vocational school. Partners, such as companies and labour market organisations, provide competitors with equipment, materials, training, and advice.

Team Finland competitors train at schools and workplaces. The whole team gathers at the team camps several times during the training period. During the team camps members of the team get to know and support each other.



"I practise for competitions using the tasks from previous competitions. I also get tips from competitors from earlier years. Although I've been working for a few years, there's some training to be done for the competition, such as practising the speed of installation. It's not a part of my regular work assignments, which are more coding-intense."

Jesse Leskinen, Industrial Control

Competitors and Experts

10 Welding



COMPETITOR
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Savo Vocational College



EXPERT
Keijo Kivioja
*Educational Consortium
OSAO*

15 Plumbing and Heating



COMPETITOR
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EXPERT
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*Tampere Vocational
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16 Electronics Prototyping



COMPETITOR
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*North Karelia Municipal
Education and Training
Consortium, Riveria*



DEPUTY CHIEF EXPERT
Jari Koskinen
*KSAO, Kouvola Region
Vocational College*

17 Web Development



COMPETITOR
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Helsinki*



EXPERT
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18 Electrical Installations



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EXPERT
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19 Industrial Control



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EXPERT
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*Turku Vocational
Institute*

22 Painting and Decorating



COMPETITOR
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TAO, Vocational College



EXPERT
Marja Viitaniemi
TAO, Vocational College

24 Cabinet-making



COMPETITOR
Eemeli Polvela
Salpaus Further Education



CHIEF EXPERT
Marko Varjos
Salpaus Further Education

28 Floristry



COMPETITOR
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Keuda Group, Vocational Education and Training



EXPERT
Katri Gummerus
Jyväskylä Educational Consortium Gradia

29 Hairdressing



COMPETITOR
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Helsinki Vocational College and Adult Institute



CHIEF EXPERT
Heli Råglund
Helsinki Vocational College and Adult Institute

30 Beauty Therapy



COMPETITOR
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EXPERT
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Helsinki Vocational College and Adult Institute

31 Fashion Technology



COMPETITOR
Aino Juutilainen
Salpaus Further Education



COMPETITOR
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EXPERT
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Salpaus Further Education

33 Automobile Technology



COMPETITOR
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Institute*

34 Cooking



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EXPERT
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*Perho Culinary, Tourism
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35 Restaurant Service



COMPETITOR
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*Turku Vocational
Institute*



EXPERT
Sari Tarvainen
Savo Vocational College

36 Bakery



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Consortium*



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*Omnia, The Joint
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40 Graphic Designer



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EXPERT
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41 Health and Social Care



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51 Landscape Gardening



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D1 CNC Turning



COMPETITOR
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EXPERT
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D5 Retail Sales



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WinNova Länsirannikon
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HP6 Chemical Laboratory Technology



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TEAM LEADER
Taneli Ylinen
Helsinki Vocational College
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TEAM LEADER
Heli Laitinen
Savo Vocational College



Delegates

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Teija Ripattila
Skills Finland



TECHNICAL DELEGATE
Tapio Kattainen
Business College Helsinki



Skills competitions in Finland



NATIONAL SKILLS COMPETITION TAITAJA

- Annual, rotates between different Finnish cities
- students in VET can participate
- semi-finals in January–February, grand final and event in May
- 400 competitors in 50 skills
- complemented by Taitaja9 competition in handicrafts for pupils at comprehensive schools.

TEAM FINLAND IN INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

The very first Team Finland participated at WorldSkills Birmingham 1989.

Since WorldSkills Amsterdam 1991, Team Finland has won at least one medal at every competition. WorldSkills Helsinki 2005 was held in Finland.

Team Finland is a founding member of EuroSkills competition and has participated in every EuroSkills since the first competition in 2008.

SKILLS FINLAND

- a non-profit organisation
- promotes appreciation of Finnish vocational education
- members and supporters include the Ministry of Education and Culture, the National Board of Education, vocational institutions and the main labour and education organisations
- CEO Eija Alhojärvi.



Team Finland has participated in every EuroSkills, WorldSkills and International Abilitylympics competition since 1989, and has brought home medals from every event since 1991. In total, Finland has won almost 130 medals at international skills competitions.

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