

# AUDIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

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## 2 HEI promotes impact and renewal

### - Auditeringsgruppens bedömning

*Evaluation area II assesses the procedures used to manage and improve societal engagement, strengthen the impact of the HEI's research, development and innovation activities, and support an innovative organisational culture.*

**The evaluation area II as a whole is at the level good.**

**The audit team identified the following as the key strengths and recommendations:**

#### **Strengths**

- Clear importance is attached at the university to the mission of societal engagement and impact, with good structures in place to steer the activities related to that mission.
- There is a strong link between the strategy of the university and the organisation of research activities.
- The university has numerous links with its environment through research, partnerships, societal activities and alumni, making it a major actor in Finnish society.

#### **Recommendations**

- The societal engagement and impact and its relationship with the teaching and research missions could be more clearly defined to support high-level leadership in national development.
- The university should manage its partnerships in a more systematised way.
- The university should better organise the network of its alumni in support of its strategy.