

# AUDIT OF HäME UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

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## 4 HEI as a learning organisation

### - Assessment of the audit team

*The evaluation area IV assesses an area selected by the HEI where it wishes to receive feedback for the enhancement of its activities.*

HAMK chose Design Factory as the evaluation area IV.

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

#### **Strengths**

- Through Design Factory, HAMK has created the opportunity of mutually beneficial connections with industry.
- Multi-disciplinarity and the provision of contact points between students and working life well prepare students for their future professional life and translate HAMK's vision of being the most work-place-oriented HEI.
- HAMK's Design Factory is an ideal hub to resolve real-life challenges and cases using the academic strength of the institution and companies' expertise alike.

#### **Recommendations**

- HAMK should further develop communication on the benefits of Design Factory to students and external stakeholders to gain more visibility and enhance impact.
- HAMK should focus on building and creating more long-term cooperation with external partners, to enhance education and create a work-life environment to assure sustainable and meaningful impact.

- To fully exploit the benefits that emerge from cooperation with other departments, Design Factory methods and thinking should be consistently integrated into course activities throughout all HAMK.