

# AUDIT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF TURKU

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## Abstract

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## The Higher Education Evaluation Committee's decision

The University of Turku passed the audit on 25 August 2023

The Quality Label is valid until 25 August 2029.

## The audit team's evaluation of evaluation areas I-III

I: HEI creates competence: *good* level

II: HEI promotes impact and renewal: *good* level

III: HEI enhances quality and well-being: *good* level

# HEI as a learning organisation – evaluation area chosen by the University of Turku

Support services for societal impact

## Theme and partner for benchlearning

Theme: Sustainable development

Partner: University College Cork — National University of Ireland, Cork

## Key strengths and recommendations

### Strengths

- Curriculum development is a systematic and participatory process that takes well into account of feedback from stakeholders and students.
- The University of Turku (UTU) is building a robust strategic profile with innovative initiatives in research towards societal impact, open science, and multidisciplinary. UTU has an advanced position in renewing research assessments aligned with these strategic priorities.
- Quality management is closely linked with UTU's strategic management. An open quality culture enables broad participation in developing its core activities and services.
- UTU has a strong ambition and shared strategic goal to promote societal impact and supporting university services.

### Recommendations

- The University of Turku should continue integrating multidisciplinary further into and across degree programmes.
- Considering the relatively small number of international experts at UTU, extra efforts should be made to bring in international expertise and attract foreign talent.
- There is already good cooperation between UTU's faculties, but there should be scope for seeking more coherence across faculties in strategy execution.
- UTU should finalise its fundraising policy with the help of support services. It should also increase the international dimension of partnerships.