

Interesting things in Finland right now

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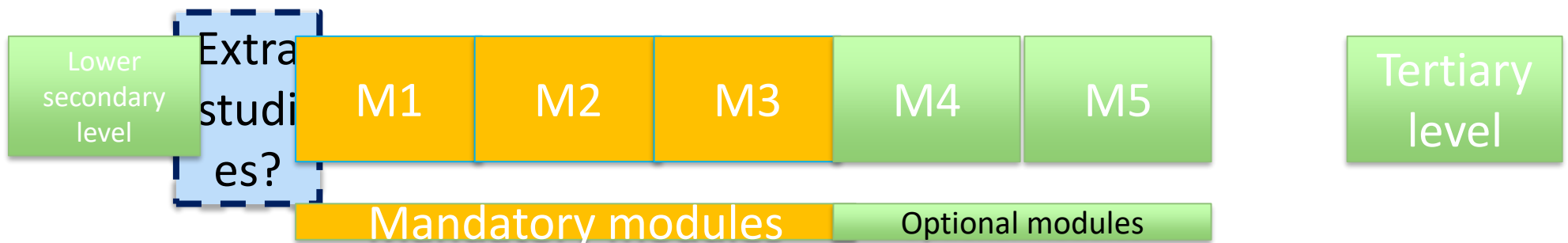


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1. Parliamentary reform of Continuous learning
 - <https://minedu.fi/en/project?tunnus=OKM033:00/2019>
 - Early 2021-
2. Service Centre for Continuous learning
 - Late Autumn 2021
3. TUVA ("Preparing for qualifications") as a new learning offer
 - Starting Autumn 2022
4. Evaluation of the VET reform (2018)
 - Spring 2021
 - Still some work to do...
5. (New EU-project to support previous points)

4. Some Pros and Cons

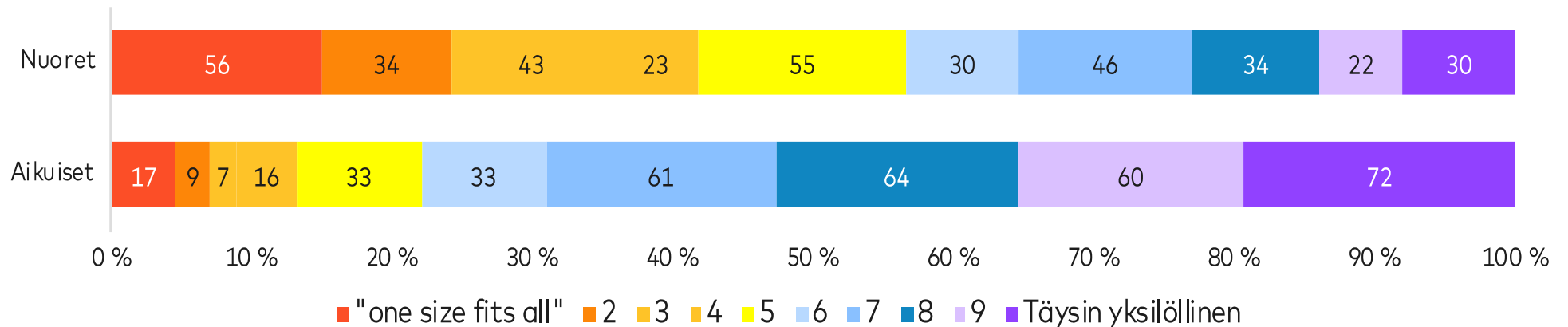
- + Competence demonstrations at the end of each module:
Validation of prior learning (VPL) = "Validation of current learning"!
- + Modular flexibility: PCDP for each of the modules separately
 - ... you CAN take optional modules from different field, or even from tertiary level (!), but NOT from previous level
 - /+ If you "almost have it", the system can support you... but if you lack basic skills, the system itself is not designed for you ☹️



4. Evaluation results 2021:

Teachers view: Individuality of PCDP between youngsters ("nuoret") and adults ("aikuiset"), scale from 1 ("one size fits all") to 10 ("completely individual")

Opetus- ja ohjaushenkilöstön arviot opintopolkujen yksilöllisyydestä (n=373)

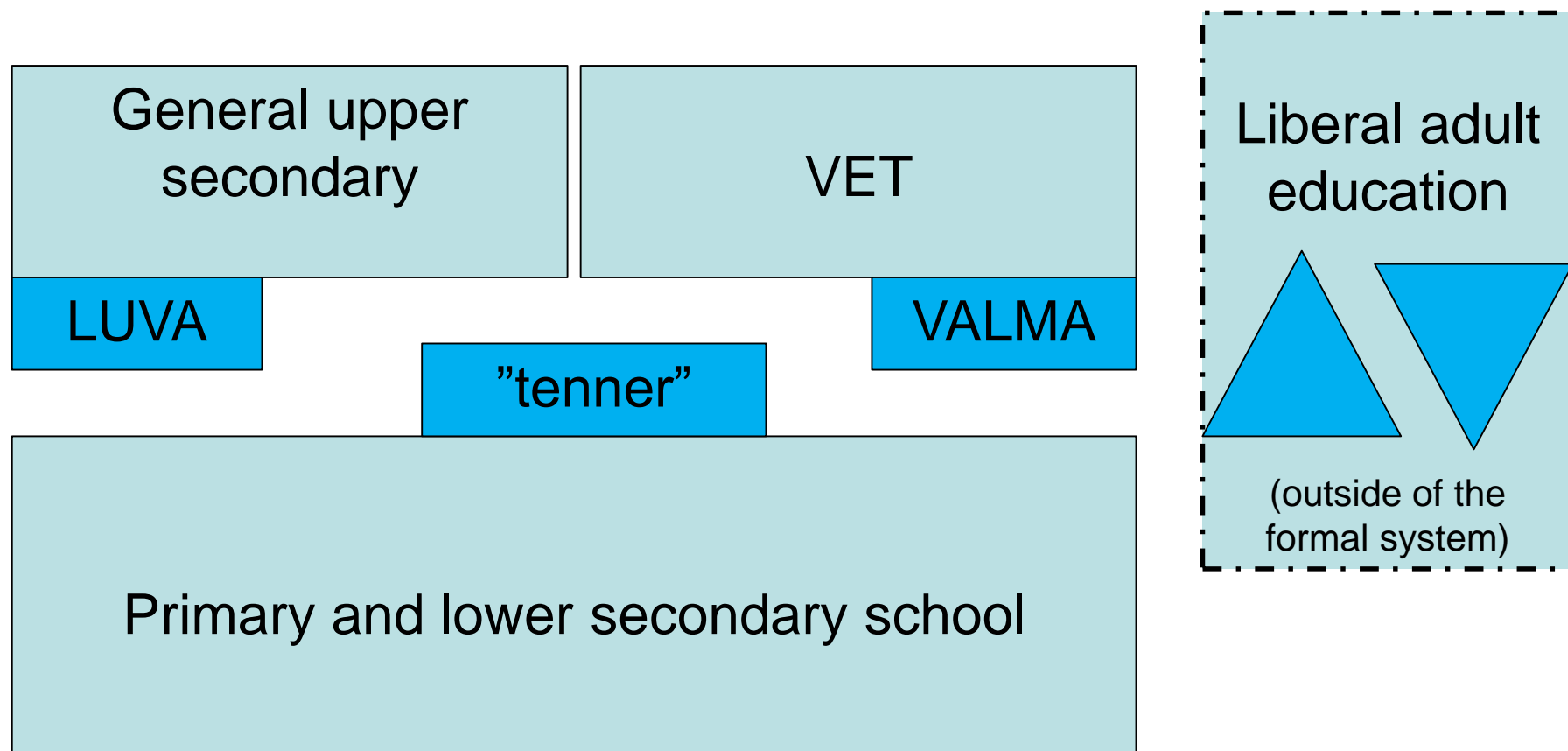


4. Outcomes of the reform (after three years)

(Blue=goal, Red=situation in Spring 2021)

- Flexible admission to studies (over 60%, 6-12 starts/year)
- PCDP for everybody (in progress)
- New learning environments and ways to learn (in progress, criticism, corona)
- Role of the teacher to include more guidance (in progress)
- Only missing skills are acquired (in progress)
- Flexible study time (shortened 'cause of VPL and flexible admission)
- Competence demonstrations in real working place environments (in progress)
- Broad-based qualifications (OK)
- Life-long learning ideology build in the system, general subjects mandatory also for the adults (huge discussion about the role of general subjects)
- Funding system to support the reform (changes and criticism)
- Less bureaucracy, (also more bureaucracy)
- More power to VET providers (OK)

3. Existing "learning offers" as a picture



3. “TUVA” -studies as a new learning offer in Finland

- TUVA (“Preparing for qualifications”) –studies combines together all the existing preparatory studies (“tenner”, LUVA, VALMA)
- National Agency for Education regulates the curriculum of TUVA
- Ministry of Education and Culture grants licenses for organising TUVA
 - Existing “tenner”- and VALMA-licenses are still valid
 - Municipalities, general upper secondary schools, VET providers and Liberal adult education institutions may apply
 - Local equality: student aiming for VET qualification may participate in TUVA – studies organised by general upper secondary school and vice versa
- So, one curriculum, one legislation, one source of funding, one status of studies, but wider variety of organisers
- Strenghtens the role of Liberal adult education
- (At least a small) step towards more honest learning offer
- Start in August 2022

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