Reform of the Act on the Promotion of Immigrant Integration
Background

• improving speed and efficiency of integration measures starting when the immigrant arrives in Finland
• transferring the overall responsibility for integration services to municipalities
• promoting the employment of immigrant women
• improving the quality of language education and tests
• considering the needs of companies
• increasing the role of the third sector and liberal adult education.
The reform of the Integration Act (KOTO24) aims to:

• strengthen the integration of immigrants who are outside the labour force
• strengthen multi-sectoral cooperation and cooperation with organisations and employers
• update the Integration Act to respond to the needs caused by the transfer of official duties.

Into force on 1 January 2025 at the same time as the TE24 reform.
Changes to come in 2025...

• Shorter time for the integration process, quicker into labour market or education
• Guidance should be more available and easy to access (municipality, the wellbeing service county, the employment office, immigration service)
• Knowledge about the Finnish society should be received in ones own language
• More flexible ways for parents to study while home with children
• The third sector and liberal adult education has a role when promoting inclusion
• Thank you!

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