

Development of Entrepreneurial Training in Vocational Colleges of Central Finland

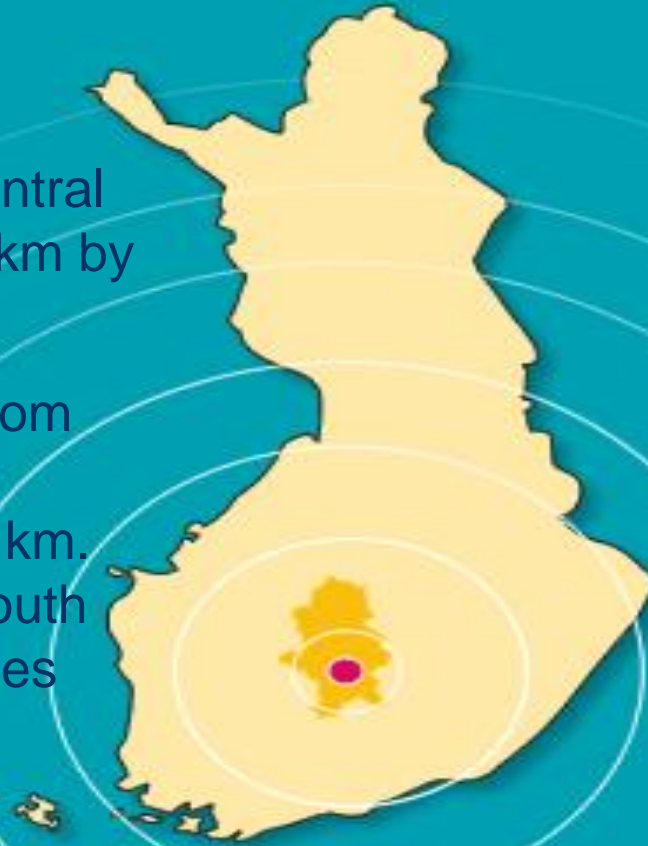
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The area of Central Finland is 250 km by 150 km.

The distance from Jyväskylä to Helsinki is 270 km.
Finland from south to north stretches 1300 km.



Facts of Central Finland

11 000 enterprises around the province
(of which 70 employ more than 100
employees and 9 500 less than 5)

Number of working places is 106 000

10 000 students and 1 000 teachers in
vocational education and training

Major Providers of Vocational Education in Central Finland

Jyväskylä Vocational Institute

Vocational Training Centre of Jämsä Region

Northern Central Finland Learning Centre

How to became a entrepreneur ?

- 1. Take control of your own life
 - How to work with other people, how to study, how to use money
- 2. Work as a part of the company
 - take responsibility of your own work in the company
- 3. Work as a private entrepreneur
 - Learning spaces for entrepreneurship in school

Regional *Entrepreneurship* - concept

Regional emphasis that covers all the students

Put into practice through 2 functional modes:

All the students have at least 3 credits / 5 ects entrepreneurship – related studies

Some 500 students in all fields of study have set up businesses and been learning entrepreneurship skills according to the Junior Achievement Method (2002-2005)

School of Entrepreneurship



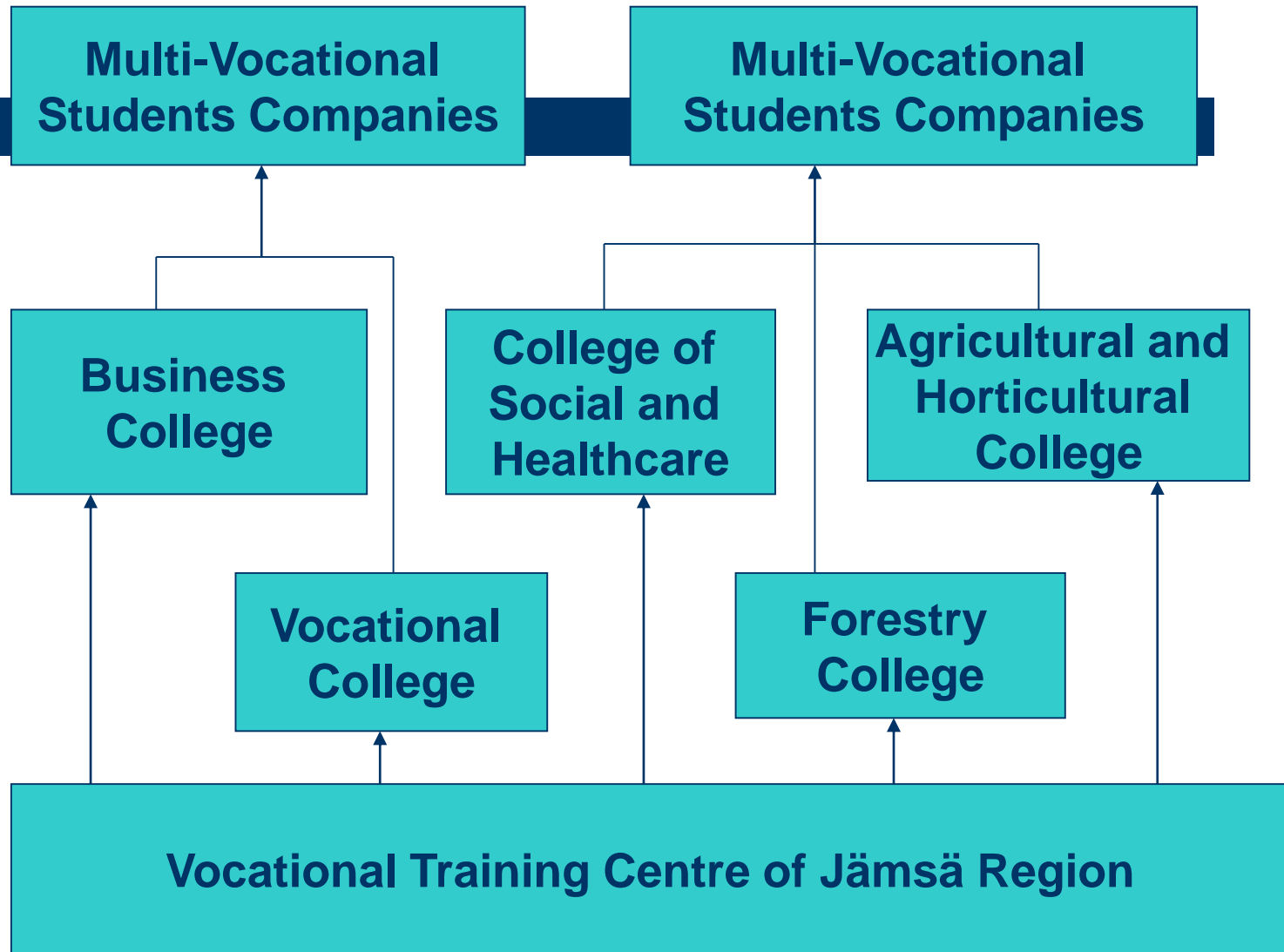
AIMS WANTED TO ACHIEVE THROUGH LEARNING SPACE FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP

- **VOCATIONAL INSTITUTE LEVEL**
- to perform an important role in reaching the goal, to make central Finland the most active entrepreneur province in the world
- to create new methods for learning
- to increase interaction between the different colleges in Vocational Training Centre of Jämsä Region

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- **STUDENT LEVEL**
- to practise entrepreneurship in a safe environment
- to apply theoretical information into practice
- to learn from different professions and to create desire for further education

Learning space for entrepreneurship 2006



Challenges in learning space for entrepreneurship for year 2006 in Vocational Training Centre of Jämsä Region

- Increase activity on all colleges to come into learning space
- Find own way to work in companies
- To Increase the number of companies established from 2 to 5
- To Increase the number of students involved from 20 to 50
- To Increase the number of teachers involved from 10 to 25