

Pros and Cons of Central Admission to Higher Education Institutions in Poland: Experiences of Finland

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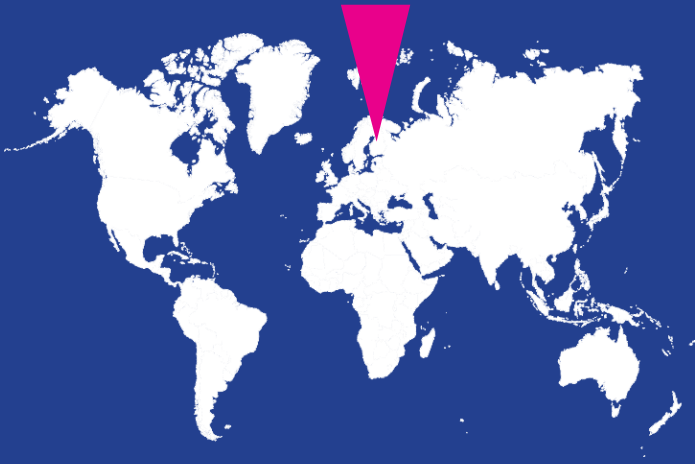
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University of Oulu founded

1958

Multidisciplinary research and education

Natural
Sciences and
Mathematics



Biosciences



Medicine
and Health



Economics
and Business
Administration



Engineering
and
Architecture



Information and
Communication
Technologies



Education



Humanities



+50 000

Alumni

13 500

Students

2 800

Staff

Finnish education policy:

Equal opportunities for all citizens to high-quality education and training

The key factors

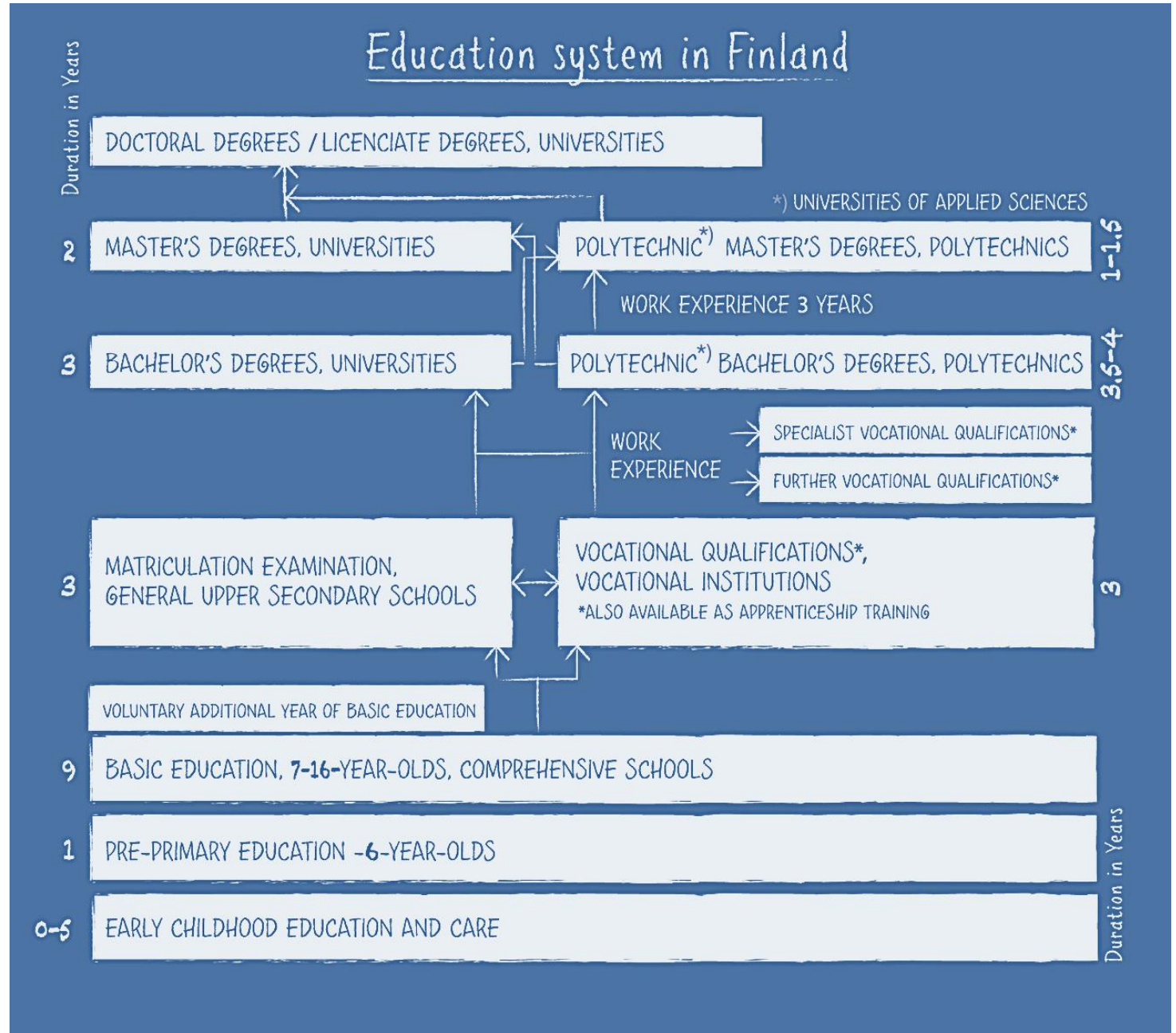
- Equality
- Efficiency
- Equity
- Internationalisation
- High level of teacher-training (pre- and in-service)

The Finnish system

➤ Flexibility and diversity

➤ Emphasis on broad knowledge

➤ Trust through professionalism



Development of cooperation in admissions and student mobility (simplified roles)



National and international life long learning

Services for all education levels



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Centralized Admissions System Steering Group

Collaboration and steering bodies



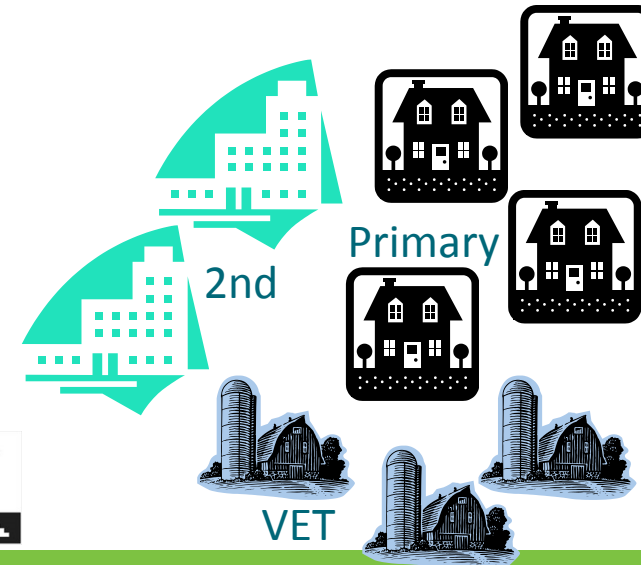
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FINNISH NATIONAL AGENCY FOR EDUCATION

Support for collaboration in education

Network of Finnish Universities' Directors of Academic Affairs



Building Collaboration and Trust

1. 1999 One study place per an academic year and the national level register
2. 2009 e-Admissions system (e-form) for all the HEIs in Finland
3. 2014 Joint application ja student selection
4. Now

International student recruitment and the international market;
student mobility, student admissions in a national system to support
national cooperation and national support services

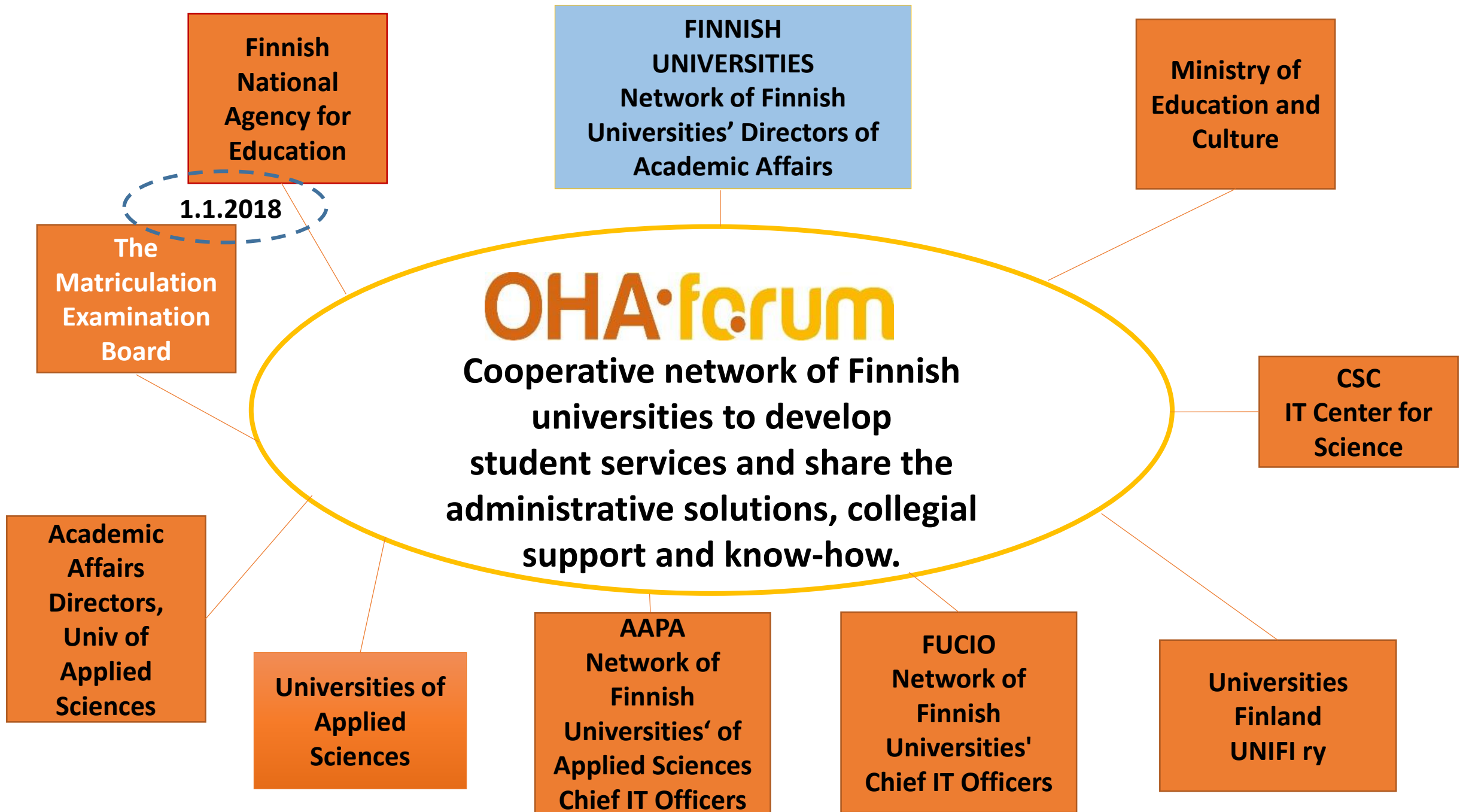
Tuition fees and challenges in cooperation

From 1 August 2017, tuition fees for higher education were be introduced for students arriving from outside the European Union and EEA.

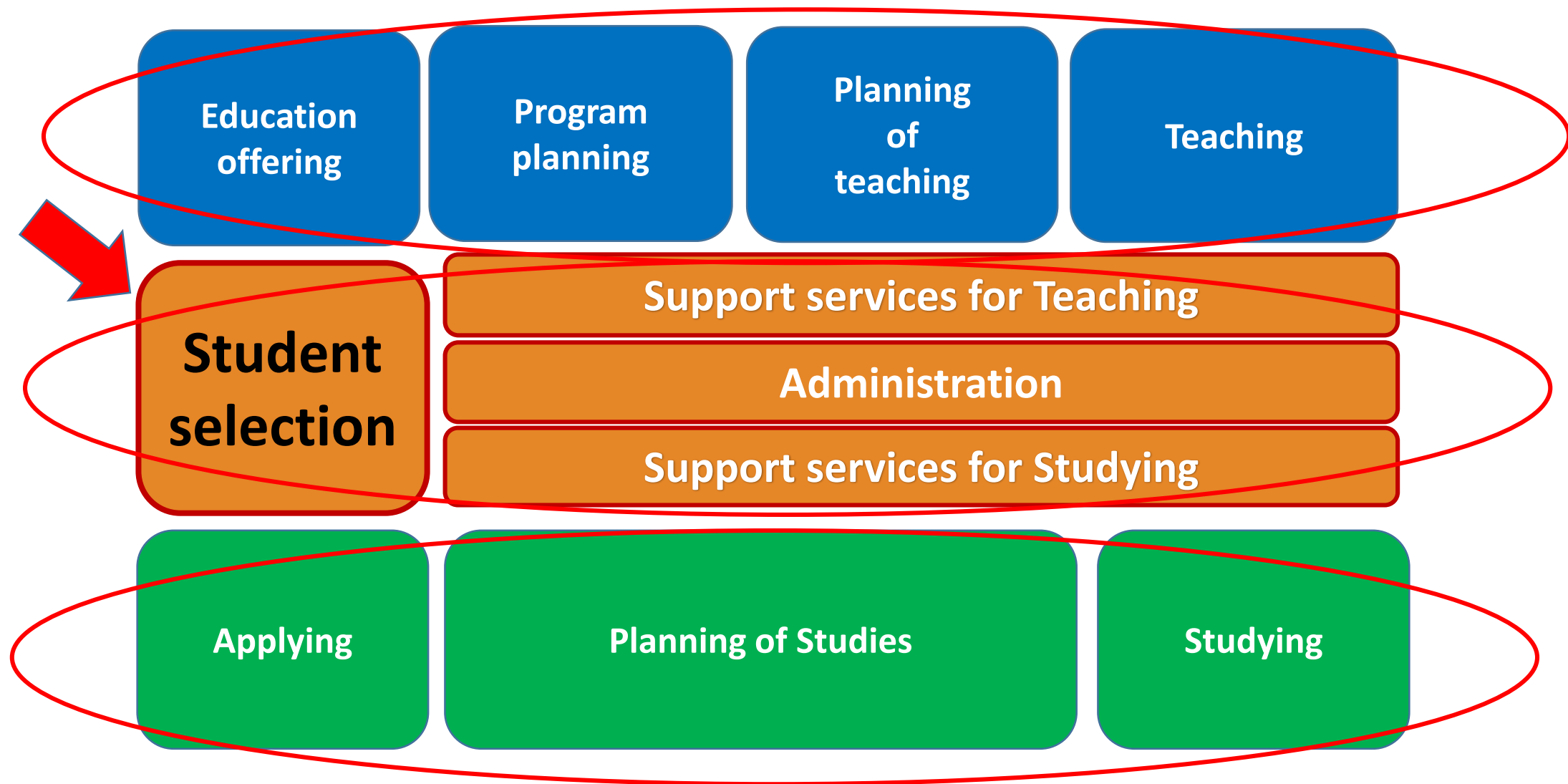
The higher education institutions have already had the option to charge tuition from the beginning of 2016. Students arriving from outside the EU or EEA who are at a financial disadvantage will be supported through a separate scholarship system.

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE FINNISH UNIVERSITIES

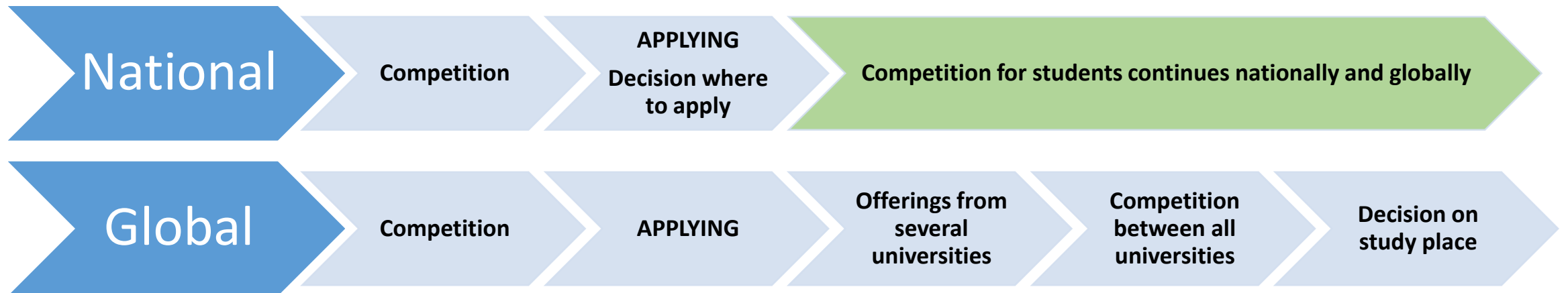
CASE: CENTRALIZED STUDENT ADMISSIONS



Education, Studying and Support Services In Finnish HEIs



Mobility and Competition: The two admissions processes are almost the same



Both aspects are included in the joint application procedure, which makes the cooperation more challenging.

Summary 1/2

- The admissions process was the original reason to start cooperation between Finnish HEIs in 2011: common services for all admission specialist teams in the universities (guidance, support, forms, website, instructions)
- Since then we have developed variety of processes and services, shared collegial support in OHAforum and designed the centralized national admissions system in the cooperative steering group

Summary 2/2

- The Universities of Applied Sciences are also involved with the joint cooperation forum to develop student selection in Finnish HEIs (evaluation of tuition fee practices, Finnish HEI offerings and sharing of marketing and recruitment experiences)
- What does this co-operation mean on a university level? Field specific discussions, academic management and leadership, process development (student selection criteria framework, education descriptions and website information, annual decision timetable) and a customer centered approach to developing e-Admissions services

Thank you!

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