



WAMOK

Integration of International Students



VAMOK organises various events and offers services that support students' well-being and sense of community. Students can take part in evening parties, member nights at the sauna, as well as different sports trials and weekly sports sessions. Cultural events and the International Dinner bring together students from different backgrounds, providing an opportunity to meet new people and experience different cultures.



We chose this topic because we feel that international and Finnish-speaking students do not currently interact enough; instead, they tend to form separate groups with little significant engagement. This division is evident in daily life, student organisations, and leisure events, where international students often stay within their own communities, while Finnish-speaking students do the same.

We want to promote collaboration between these groups, as we believe that intercultural interaction is valuable for both sides. International students could learn about Finnish culture and society through practical experiences, which would support their integration and increase their chances of staying in Finland after graduation. At the same time, Finnish-speaking students would benefit from a multicultural environment, improved language skills, and new perspectives that enhance learning and professional development.

The goal of our hackathon challenge is to find innovative solutions that bring these groups closer together and create concrete ways to support international students' integration into Finnish society.

Assignment



VAMOK

We are the student community of Vaasa University of Applied Sciences, dedicated to promoting students' well-being, rights, and sense of community. We act as a link between students and the university, ensuring that students' voices are heard in decision-making.

We organise events, provide services, and support students in all aspects of student life – whether it concerns studies, internationalisation, well-being, or leisure activities. Our goal is to create an environment where every student feels part of an active and diverse university community.

As a student union, we are concerned about the integration of international students into Finland. For many, studying at Vaasa University of Applied Sciences is their first step towards a new life in Finland, but adapting to a new culture, language environment, and job market can be challenging. We want to ensure that international students are not left out but instead have genuine opportunities to become part of Finnish society and build their future here.



Assignment

Your task is to design a concept that supports international students' integration into Finland and their connection to Finnish society. Your solution can focus on areas such as language development, integration into working life, or the creation of social networks.

Key aspects to consider:

- Interaction between Finnish and international students
- Practical support for learning the Finnish language
- Providing information and networks related to working life
- Strengthening community and a sense of belonging

Your solution could be, for example:

- **An event concept** that promotes interaction between international and Finnish students, supports language development, or provides opportunities related to working life.
- **A digital solution**, such as an app or platform, that facilitates students' integration and everyday life in Finland.
- **Another innovative idea** that enhances international students' integration and improves their chances of staying in Finland to study, work, and live.

The presentation format is open, and creativity is encouraged! You can use visual elements, storytelling, demo presentations, or other creative approaches to showcase your solution in the best and most understandable way.