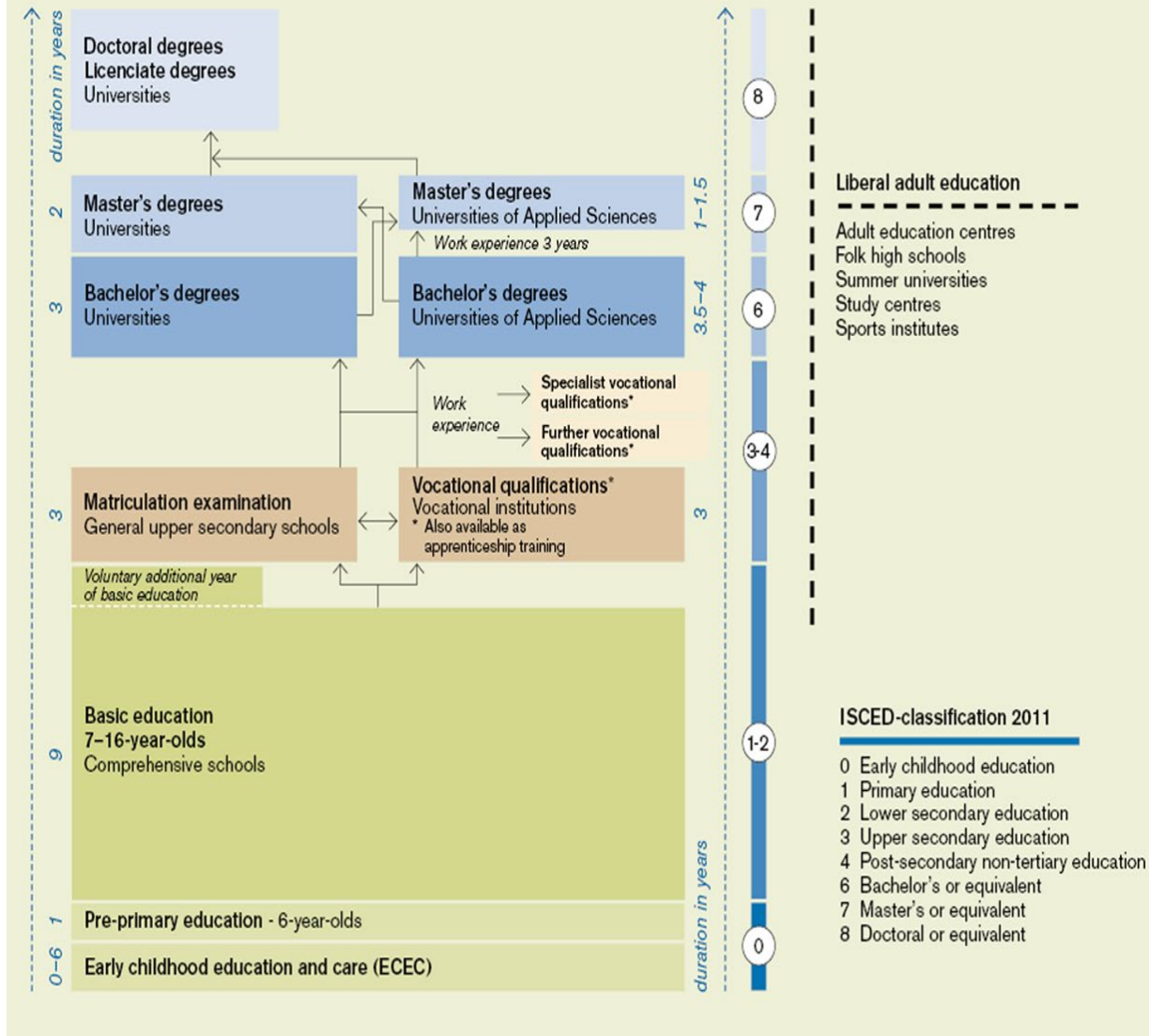


Latest ESD-activities in Finland

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New Act on Early Childhood Education and Care

- The new Act on ECEC came into force from September 1st 2018.
- The old Act on ECEC has been completely reformed and updated, however integrating many old regulations from the current Act on ECEC and the acts on social services.
- The most central new themes in the new act are regulations related to the qualifications of staff and data collection in ECEC.

Changes in the new Act

- Many changes that aim to promote the quality of the service. Some examples:
 - The best interest of the child has been emphasized
 - Equality has been added to the goals of ECEC
 - The local authorities shall try to arrange ECEC near families and children
 - Children shall be protected against violence and bullying
 - The section on mealtimes has been specified
 - The special education teacher shall participate in the assessment of the child's need for support and support measures
 - Shift care in ECEC must be arranged to the extent necessary it is needed due to employment or studies of a parent
 - Specifications on secrecy order, how to appeal from a decision and on application for a place in ECEC
 - The job titles and qualifications of staff have been specified
 - The amount of staff with higher training will raise from 2030

New curriculum in General Upper Secondary Education

- Reform of the general upper secondary education led to a need to revise the core curriculum.
- The purpose is to strengthen both the control of the goals and content of the subjects and the transversal competences.
- Revision of the:
 - Task
 - Basic values
 - General goals
- The aim is to publish the new core curriculum in November 2019 and that it will be implemented in August 2021.

Reform in VET

- Individual study path for all
- Skilled labour force for the needs of working life
- Quicker access to employment
- Many different ways to acquire skills and competences