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Active European Citizen Suomi ry (AEKS) aims to cooperate with other European civil society organisations in education, culture and civil society.

Our focus is promoting well-being of citizens, especially the marginalised youth, through education, volunteering and social innovation.



SIA4Y Project Objectives:

- Increase the level of awareness, knowledge and ability to use the right of access to public information and support freedom of information among the youth.
- Increase the level of understanding and activity of young citizens regarding public monitoring of state institutions and local government.



SIA4Y Project Problem Statement and Proposed Solution:

- The basis of democratic state is transparency.
- Citizens participate directly or indirectly demanding accountability from service providers and public officials (national and EU).
- The solutions for wider use of public information and monitoring tools should be provided by education and dissemination of relevant methodologies within youth sector.



SIA4Y Example of Good Practice from Finland

- Ohjaamo: What is it all about?
- **One-Stop Guidance Centers** (ESF funding) are places located all over Finland, where persons under the age of 30 can receive free-of-charge assistance and support for various issues, such as applying for a job or a place in a study program.
- The One-Stop Guidance Centers welcome you as who you are, and you can come alone, with parents or with a friend, and with or without an appointment.
- All you need to do is find the nearest One-Stop Guidance Center and walk in.



Ohjaamo offers expertise

- The assessment of service needs and service guidance
- Career planning and job seeking
- Life management
- Physical and mental well-being
- Competence development and learning paths
- Supporting participation
- Income and housing

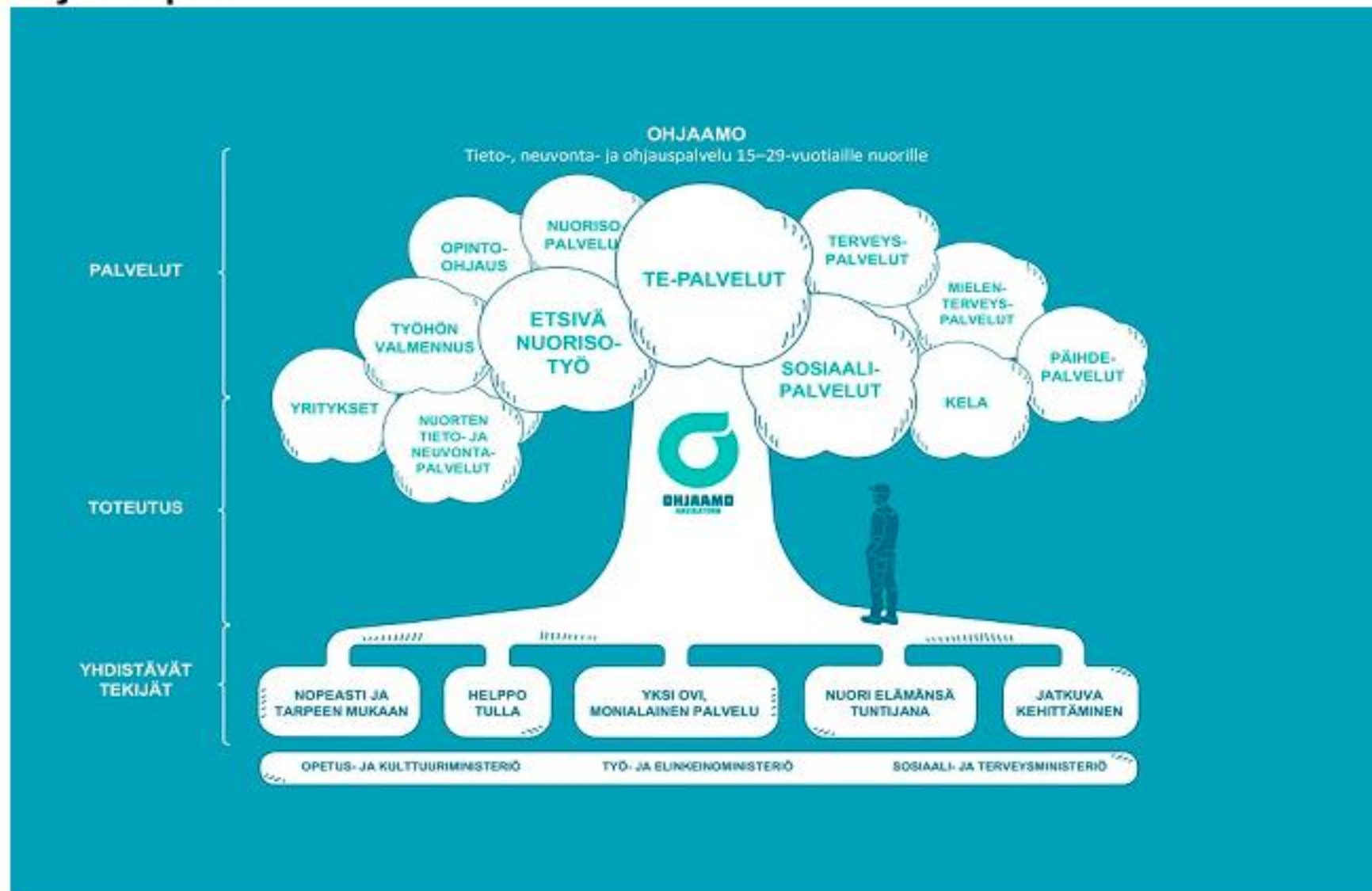


Goals

- Smooth transition of young people into employment, training or other meaningful activity
- Bringing together service providers to form one multi-agency operator
- Promoting the participation, capabilities and life management skills of young people
- The goals steering the operations are under systematic monitoring



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Thank you!

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