CAPACITY BUILDING OF PUBLIC LEADERS

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BASIC FACTS ABOUT FINLAND

- Part of Sweden-Finland before 1809
- Autonomic Republic of Russia 1809-1917
- Independent Republic of Finland 6.12.1917
- Member of the European Union 1.1.1995
- Geografic area
 - 338 424 km2
 - Different parts of the country
- Population app. 5,6 million
- High educational basis of the population



POLITICAL STRUCTURES

- Legislative power: Parliament
 - 200 members selected for 4 years
 - 9 parties in the present Parliament
- Implementation power: Government
 - 17 ministers in the present government
- President of the Republic
 - Selected through direct elections for 6 years
- Judicial power: independent courts
- European union parliament
 - 13 members from Finland
 - Elections every 4 years
- Local democracy and citizen participation
 - Local elections every 4 years



STRUCTURE OF STATE ADMINISTRATION

- Ministries (12)
- State agencies and institutions
- State regional administration
 - 6 state regional offices
 - Regional administration of substance ministries
 - Island of Åland
- State local administration
- Strategic role and tasks of state organisations
- Number of civil servants in state administration: app. 70000



STRUCTURE AND MAIN TASKS OF LOCAL SELF GOVERNMENT

- Traditionally strong local self-governance
- Number of municipalities 310
- Main tasks of the municipalities
- Taxation right of the municipalities
- Number of public servants app. 410 000
- Decision-making in the municipalities
 - Municipal council and government
- Reforms and present challenges in local government

OPEN AND CAREER SYSTEM OF CIVIL SERVICE

- European models of open and career system of civil service
- Models in older EU-member states
 - examples
- Developing models in new democracies
 - examples
- Civil service training in open and career system of civil service



CIVIL SERVICE IN FINLAND

- Open system of civil service: fixed term or permanent appointments through open recruitment
- Some elements from career system
- Recruitment through open competition, emphasis on professional selection and openness in procedures
- General and specific qualifications in public managerial positions (formal education, national languages, leadership skills etc.)
- Evaluation of leadership potential
- Non political civil service; small cadre of political appointees (political state secretaries and advisers)
- Mobility on top level management
- Training as right and obligation
- Staff turnover in state sector, especially through the retirement



CIVIL SERVICE TRAINING IN FINLAND

- Training for all civil servants
 - Systematic training needs analysis
- Professional, substance-based training
 - Under responsible of all ministries and agencies
- Horisontal training themes for all civil servants
 - E.g. good governance, management and leadership, financial management, personnel policy and management, civil service ethics, eGovernance, legal drafting, EU-affairs, public procurement etc.
- Structures of training
 - Training programmes and courses (HAUS)
 - Internet-based training
 - Learning by doing

H U S HAUS FINNISH INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC MANAGEMENT

- Finnish civil service training institute
- Established in 1971
- Development steps from budget funded state institution to fee-based organisation, state company and in-house actor inside the state administration
- Main tasks to provide training and development services for Finnish civil servants and internationally
- Special role in supporting the government in public sector reforms
- Represents Finland in European networks for civil service training



MAIN TRAINING AREAS OF HAUS

- Management and leadership
- Legal drafting
- Financial management, budgeting, accounting
- HR, personnel management
- Public Procurement
- eGovernance
- Data protection, cyber security
- EU-affairs
- Communication
- Client service

ROLE OF HAUS IN TRAINING OF PUBLIC LEADERS

- Training as right and obligation
- Public leaders as one of the key target group of HAUS
- Close link and co-operation with the Ministry of Finance in planning and implementation of training
- Special curriculum for management and leadership; programmes for all levels of public leaders
- Specialized short courses on different topics for leaders (e.g. HR, finances, procurement)
- Leadership assessments and coaching possibilities

- Working networks for training
- Training as forum for new initiative



TARGET GROUPS IN LEADERSHIP TRAINING

- Top-level managers
 - Special programme initiated by Sitra (think-tank)
- Senior managers
 - Strategy programme
- Middle level managers
 - Leadership programme
- First level managers
 - Couching programme
- Potential managers
- Training for management groups
- Training for whole working entity

MAIN TOPICS IN MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING

- Managing change
- Strategic management, implementation of strategies
- People management
- Financial understanding
- Communication skills
- Digitalisation
- Well being at work
- Time management
- National and international networks
- Process management
- Innovations

GOVERNMENT'S FUTURE LEADERS PROGRAMME

Objectives

- Strengthening professional management culture and strategic skills
- Strenghtening joint values of public management
- Advancing new administrative culture, change and sensibility towards the future
- Advancing horisontal outlook and networking
- Target group
 - Immediate subordinates to the top managers
 - Newly appointed top managers

STRUCTURES OF TRAINING

- Long programmes, modules + work in between
- Short courses, 1-3 days
- eCourses
- Tailor-made training and consultancy, wider and longer agreements
- Trainers:
 - Leding civil servants and HAUS experts
 - Universitys professors
 - Private consultants (through tendering)
 - International experts

TRAINING METHODS IN LEADERSHIP TRAININGS

- Presentations
- Group works
- Cases
- Excercises
- Coaching
- Leadership/personality assessments
- Litterature studies
- eLearning elements
- Sharing experiences and best practices
- Interaction
- Close link to one's own working environment
- Close link to working community development

Personal development plans



ELEARNING IN FINNISH CIVIL SERVICE

- Centralized project to develop a common eLearning platform for the whole state administration, project financed by Ministry of Finance, operated by HAUS together with app. 200 civil servants
- "eOppiva" totally ready by March 2019, was lanched already in Spring 2018
- Includes courses on genaral topics necessary for whole civil servise, e.g. structures of public administration, electronic procurement, good official language, service design
- Open access to eLearning courses for all state civil servants
- eOppiva managed and coordinated by HAUS, also other state organisations can provide trainings

CHALLENGES IN DEVELOPMENT THE COMPETENCES OF PUBLIC LEADERS

- Training and educational needs increasing and becoming more complicated
- Tasks in public administration changing rapidly
- Number of public sector personnel decreasing
- Challenges in training models and structures, new demands on contents and methodology
- How to target training to exactly right needs?
- Training as part of increasing networks
- How to transfer silent knowledge in public administration?
- How to utilise international development in training and participate in international discussion

FUTURE CHALLENGES

- Rapidly changing surroundings
- Also changing training needs
- Time pressures
- New civil servants with new backround and new kinds of expectations
- Importance of international discussions

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PRIORITIES IN TRAINING OF PUBLIC LEADERS

- Direct links to leaders reality
- Increasing networks
- Increasing wide understanding of society
- Increasing global thinking
- Professionalism/managerialism/good leadership
- Leading change in everyday work
- People management
- Taking care also of own welfare



WELL-BEING AT WORK

- Key values of civil service in Finland, key values of HAUS
- Frames for wellbeing at work in HAUS
- Our internal rules
- HAUS model for early intervention
- Age management
- Professional leadership as a key factor in promoting wellbeing at work
- Joint efforts to maintain wellbeing at work

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HOW WE SEE THE ELEMENTS FOR WELLBEING?

- Well functioning organisation of work
- Just and supportive leadership
- Good mastery of work, including e.g.
 - Balance between requirements and competences and qualifications
 - Many-sided and rewarding tasks
 - Possibility to influence on work and participate in decisions related to work
 - Possibility to professional skills development
- Delegated power and responsibilities
- Good cooperation, atmosphere and relationships
- Work is safe, healthy and meaningful
- Flat organisation, flexible working hours

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FRAMES FOR WELLBEING AT WORK IN HAUS

- Every person in HAUS is responsible for wellbeing
- Leaders should understand the importance of wellbeing at work and act accordingly; keeping in mind special requirements of an expert organisation
- Joint internal policies, rules and practices
- Positive way to analyze wellbeing at work, solution oriented approach, not only solving problems
- Openness and transparency, open communication

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AGE MANAGEMENT

- Aim to have diversity in the working community
- Understanding the importance of having employees of different age
- Appreciating deep and long experience as well as young fresh ideas and questions
- Take care of enthusiasm in the whole organisation
- Understanding the special needs in leadership:
 - Juniors: networking, questioning of traditional authority, experience of meaningfulness
 - Middle age employees: individual career planning, work ability, motivation
 - Seniors: fast technological development, importance of tacit knowledge

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PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP AS A KEY FACTOR IN PROMOTING WELLBEING AT WORK

- The role of leaders and professional leadership is essential you are the role models!
- Clear responsibilities, full understanding of aims and tasks of the organisation
- Professional change management, taken care of motivation
- Low hierarchies, open communication, open doors
- Real delegation of power
- Indicators to measure wellbeing

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