

# Demand driven Energy education in Finland / University of Vaasa

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### Maritime Campus





### University of Vaasa in numbers



# <mark>•</mark>1968

Established as a public university

# •5000

- Students: undergraduate, graduate and doctoral
- •476
  - University staff

# •40 million Euros

University budget









### Vaasa region

- Location
  - 63.1°N, 21.61°E
- The city of Vaasa is located in Western Finland on the coast line next to Sweden
  - Sweden / city of Umeå is located 70 kilometers West of Vaasa
  - Vaasa is bilingual Finnish and Swedish (+ 120 nationalities)
- Industrial base
  - Largest energy and environmental industry concentration in the Nordic countries







### Vaasa energy technology region





### Flagship businesses in the region



VED









#### WIND & SOLAR

- · ABB
- Mervento
- Vacon/Danfoss
- The Switch/Yaskawa
- Ampner
- Roaming

#### ENERGY EFFICIENCY BUILDINGS

- ABB
- There Corporation Vacon/Danfoss
- Comsel
- Lumitar

#### ENERGY EFFICIENCY INDUSTRY

- · ABB
- Arcteg
- Vacon/Danfoss
- There Corporation
- The Switch
- Vamp/Schneider

#### DATA & COMMUNICATION

- Wapice
- Anvia
- CO-Automation
- Comsel



#### R&D PLATFORMS, PILOTS AND EXAMPLE INSTALLATIONS

- Energy Research Centre (VEBIC)
- Sundom Smart Grid
- Vaskiluodon Voima
- Westenergy
- Illumination pilots at Botnia Arenas
- Suvilahti residential area
- School at Porvarinkatu
- Stormossen biogas
- Vaasa gas buses

#### POWER PLANTS

· ABB

Citec

- Adiabatix
  - Uwira
- Wärtsilä
- Wapice
- VEO

#### GAS

- Wärtsilä • Uwira
- Stormossen
  Wapice
- Citec

#### **GRID AUTOMATION**

- ABB
- Vamp/Schneider
- VEO
- Arcteg
- Ampner
- Ravera
- Comsel
- Maviko
- Wapice
- Crimppi

Comsel

Granlund

Granlund

Wapice

Fidelix



### **Course Pool Structure**





### Ongoing demand driven education project



- Finnish Institute of Technology (FITech) TURKU
- Marine technology 2017-2012
- Southwest of Finland
- 7 Universities
- FITech makes studying flexible:
  - programmes for Master of Science in Technology, minor studies, as well as different courses and projects together with companies.
- University of Vaasa: Energy Technology, 20 credits





### Energy Technology, 20 ECTS

- Obligatory courses, 15 ECTS
  - Marine and power plant engines, 6 ECTS
  - Engine fuels and lubricants, 4 ECTS
  - Exhaust and flue gas after-treatment technologies, 5 ECTS
- Optional courses, 5 ECTS
  - Heat transfer, 2.5 ECTS
  - Physical basics for energy technics, 5 ECTS
  - Renewable energy sources and distributed energy production, 2.5 ECTS





### Forthcoming/planning in process projects

### Energy storage (35 ECTS, 7 courses) 2018 ->

- 2 Universities
- 2 Universities of Applied Sciences
- Course pool: Energy storage, circular economy, battery technology

### FITech VAASA

- Master program in energy storage (120 ECTS)
- Safety in Energy production, delivery and storage
  - Possible course pool: Smart grids, society's' ability to maintain the basic economic functions, security of supply, resilience, energy economy, 5G, microgrids, data analytics





# How to respond to new and urgent market demands?

- Design of the programmes should be carried out in close cooperation with research partners and industrial partners.
- The university staff should have the leading role and include the necessary pedagogical view. Visionaries should be included in these teams.
- An easy way to start: Visiting lectures and sharing of presentations.





### Lessons learned, recommendations

- There is a demand to get quickly new education on these new topics
- We are constantly hiring more new Tenure Track researchers who have strong knowledge and can also contribute to the teaching of these topics
- One good practice is to produce joint visions of the future and roadmaps together with Universities and industrial partners
- We are willing to co-operate with other Universities to create competitive programs together also in future







# A University within a thriving region

The Vaasa region is a hub for internationally networked entrepreneurship and energy technology

