

**EDUCATIONAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ACADÉMIE DE REIMS AND
FINLAND
Finn'Est mobility program**

General information on the Finn'Est program:

Finn'Est is a school mobility program between the Académie de Reims (France) and Finland.

This is an exchange of 3 weeks (Finnish) / 4 weeks (French), based on reciprocity and allows French and Finnish high school students to experience a linguistic, cultural, and academic immersion. In fact, each student goes to school with his or her pen pal and lives with his or her family. Each Finnish student participating in the programme is de facto matched with a French student from the same class and stays in contact with him/her.

PLEASE NOTE: the Finnish family and the Finnish school must agree to host the French student for 4 weeks

45 places disponibles

Qualifications for the application:

Students may participate if:

- Entering class 9, 10, or 11 at the time of the exchange (between 15 and 17 years old).
- Minimum language level B1 in English.
- Open-minded, independent, and responsible.
- Have the agreement of their parents.
- Give the requested documents back in time.

Before applying, the following recommendations should be taken into consideration:

- **It is recommended** that the candidates have a good academic level to be able to follow the schooling in Finland and, on their return, to reintegrate into their original class without any difficulties.
- **Participation in the life of the host family** requires **openness** on the part of the students and **tolerance for cultural differences on the part of the families.**

- **School attendance in the partner country is compulsory.** Pupils should be aware that they will spend 6 to 8 hours a day following lessons in the language of the country. As the educational content is difficult to compare from one country to another, the teaching teams will have to find appropriate follow-up solutions so that the student's reintegration into the school is under the best possible conditions.

How to apply to the 2023 exchange? 2022-2023 Calendar

- **7 november 2022:** call for applications in France and Finland

Send by email (in PDF format):

- The application form
- A letter of motivation in English

These documents must be sent by **10 December 2022** to stephane.alati@france.fi

Please specify in the subject line "**Application Finn'Est 2022-2023_NAME of the student_School XXX**".

- **12 December – 16 December 2022:** matching of French and Finnish students
- From **19 December 2022:** sending of contacts: each pupil receives the details of his or her pen pal and the teacher in the host school.
- **From 20/02/2023 to 12/03/2023:** reception of Finnish pupils
- **From 09/04/2023 to 07/05/2023:** reception of French pupils

At least two weeks of lessons should be planned for the total duration of the stay.

Funding and recognition of mobility for French pupils:

For schools that have received an **Erasmus+** grant as part of a school education mobility project, mobilities in Finland are eligible for funding.

The 4-week mobility in Finland organised as part of an Erasmus+ project may be recognised as part of the "**European and international mobility**" mention in the general and technological baccalaureate.

<https://www.education.gouv.fr/bo/22/Hebdo31/MENE2206449N.htm>

For other schools, funding is at the discretion of the families of participating students and their respective schools. The marks obtained during the mobility cannot be considered in the term or semester marks of the home school.

The matching of French and Finnish students is the responsibility of the DAREIC, while the exchange is the responsibility of the students and their families.