



## THE STATE YOUTH COUNCIL'S POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

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| <b>1</b> | <b>OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUMMER JOBS MUST BE INCREASED AND EQUALITY PROMOTED IN MUNICIPALITIES</b> <p>All young people should have the opportunity to have a summer job and learn about the world of work. Summer jobs strengthen young people's inclusion, self-confidence and faith in the future. Especially foreign-language speakers and those who do not have previous work experience face obstacles to finding employment. Municipalities have a key role in providing these opportunities.</p>   |
| <b>→</b> | <b>MEASURES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Municipalities will increase the summer job opportunities aimed at young people.</li><li>• In line with the principle of positive special treatment, summer job vouchers will be allocated, for example, to young people whose native language is a foreign language and to those who do not have any work experience.</li><li>• Municipalities will strengthen cooperation with local companies and associations to promote the use of the summer job vouchers. Municipalities will offer advice and practical support for the summer job voucher process to employers so that as many actors as possible would employ young people.</li></ul> |

# 2

## **COOPERATION IN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT MUST BE STRENGTHENED IN ORDER TO PROMOTE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT**

Youth employment is not just labour market policy, it is part of youth policy. At the moment, matters concerning young people are fragmented and handled in different administrative branches, which impairs the comprehensive approach. The needs of young people must already be taken into account before their transition from studies to working life.



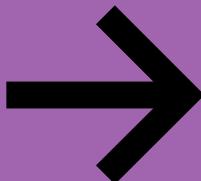
### **MEASURES**

- Cross-administrative cooperation to promote youth employment will be strengthened.
- Summer employment for young people will be treated as part of youth policy, not as a separate part of labour market policy.
- Cooperation between the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment and the Ministry of Education and Culture on youth employment will be intensified.

# 3

## **PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPING THE MOBILE PHONE BAN WILL BE STRENGTHENED**

Everyday lives of children and young people are regulated, but their views are not always heard. Restricting the use of mobile devices in comprehensive schools affects young people's daily lives, and information is needed on its impacts. Young people's participation in decision-making is a central part of a well-functioning and fair society.



### **MEASURES**

- Children's and young people's opinions on restricting the use of mobile devices will be consulted. Young people's experience that opinions are important will be strengthened.
- The need to develop the mobile phone ban will be recorded in the government programme in spring 2027.