



# Learning international skills abroad and at home - non-EU support schemes in Finland

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# Internationalisation in VET in Finland

- Strategic goal since already 1989-90, written into government programmes
- "International skills" also a competence highlighted in national qualification requirements for most sectors
- Internationalisation of VET interlinked with institutions own strategic development goals and the needs of the labour market
- Student mobility; learning periods abroad for better skills and careers
- Teachers mobility; developing language, vocational and intercultural skills abroad. Also networks and development projects.
- Focus on Europe, but also global aspect. Export of VET is growing

-> **skill needs of the labour market and individuals**

-> **development, quality and attractiveness of VET**

# Wide perspective of internationalisation in Finnish VET

- In addition to student and staff mobility...
- **Development projects** related to qualifications, pedagogic methods, training materials, digital learning etc.
- **Quality assurance** and benchmarking
- **Cooperation around credit transfer** resulting in clearer ECVET models at European level
- **Joint and double degrees**
- Cooperation with working life and **for the world work/business/sector**
- **Internationalisation at home**
  - cross-border projects, eTwinning, international companies in Finland, immigrants etc.
- **Networks/consortia**
  - on country or sectoral level, often related to pedagogic approaches e.g. Workbased Learning, Projectbased Learning or Content and Language Intergrated Language Learning CLIL

## The strategy context



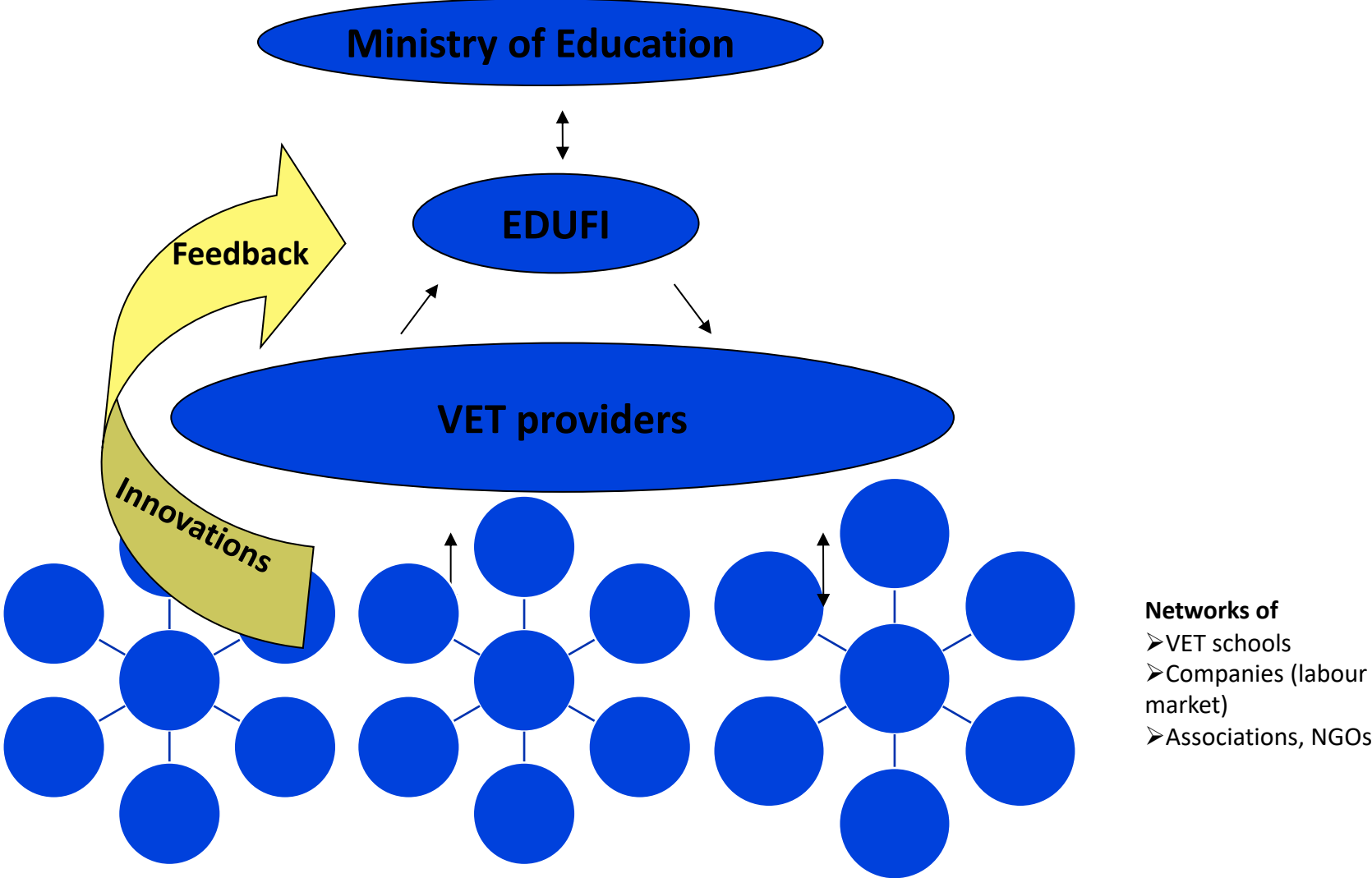
# The main non-EU schemes...

- **Own funding by VET providers (ca. 16% of all mobility)**
  - State/government funding, but amount and focus is decided on locally
- **State funding for Internationalisation of VET (ca. 7% of all mobility)**
  - by Finnish National Agency for Education EDUFI
  - Since 2003, today nationally ca. 750 000 €/year
  - Min. 3 Finnish VET Colleges per Network
- **Student own funding and other external funding (ca. 7% of all mobility)**
- **Nordplus –programmes, mainly Junior and Voksen (ca. 1% of all mobility)**
  - Nordic Council of Ministers



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ABOUT THIS

# State funding for internationalisation of VET

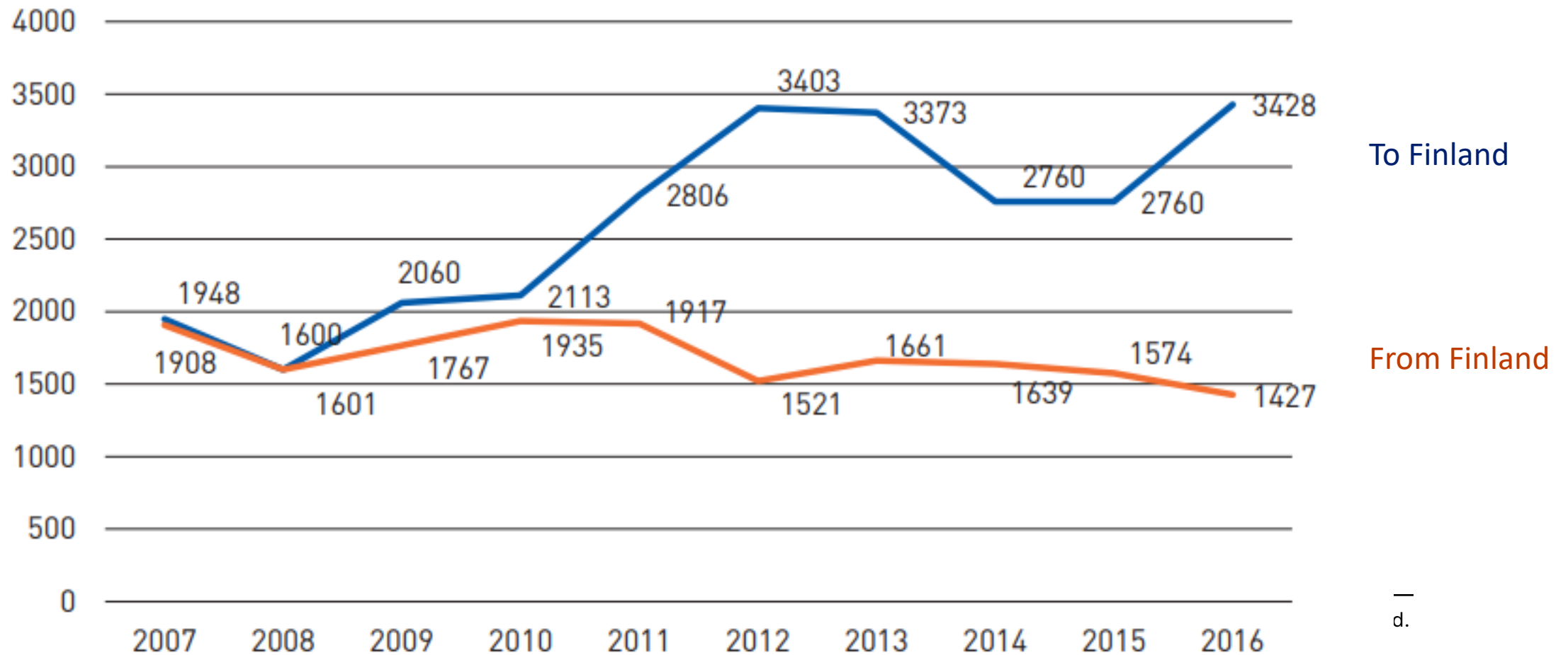


# Some of the networks funded by Finnish State funding for Internationalisation

- **Kanada Network**
- **Hanako Network** – cooperation with Japan
- **ThaiGo Network** - cooperation with Thailand
- **India Network**
- **Korea Technet Network**
- **Two China Networks**
- **Two Russia Networks**
- **Network on Global Citizenship** and cooperation with developing countries (Africa)
- In addition closer to 10 sector specific or thematic networks focusing on multiple regions

Some more info also in English at [www.finvet.fi](http://www.finvet.fi)

# Development of staff mobility in Finnish vocational education and training 2007-2016



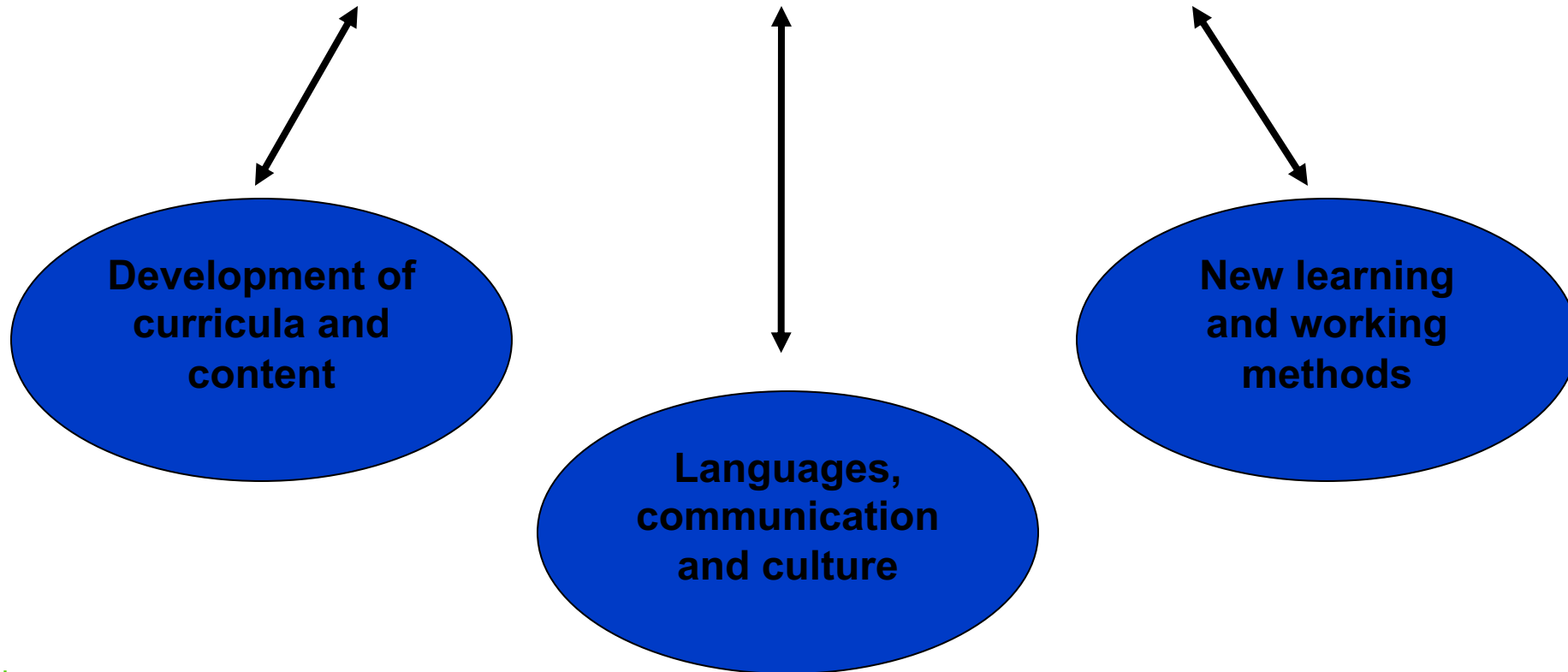


# Internationalisation of the whole institution is a constant dialogue



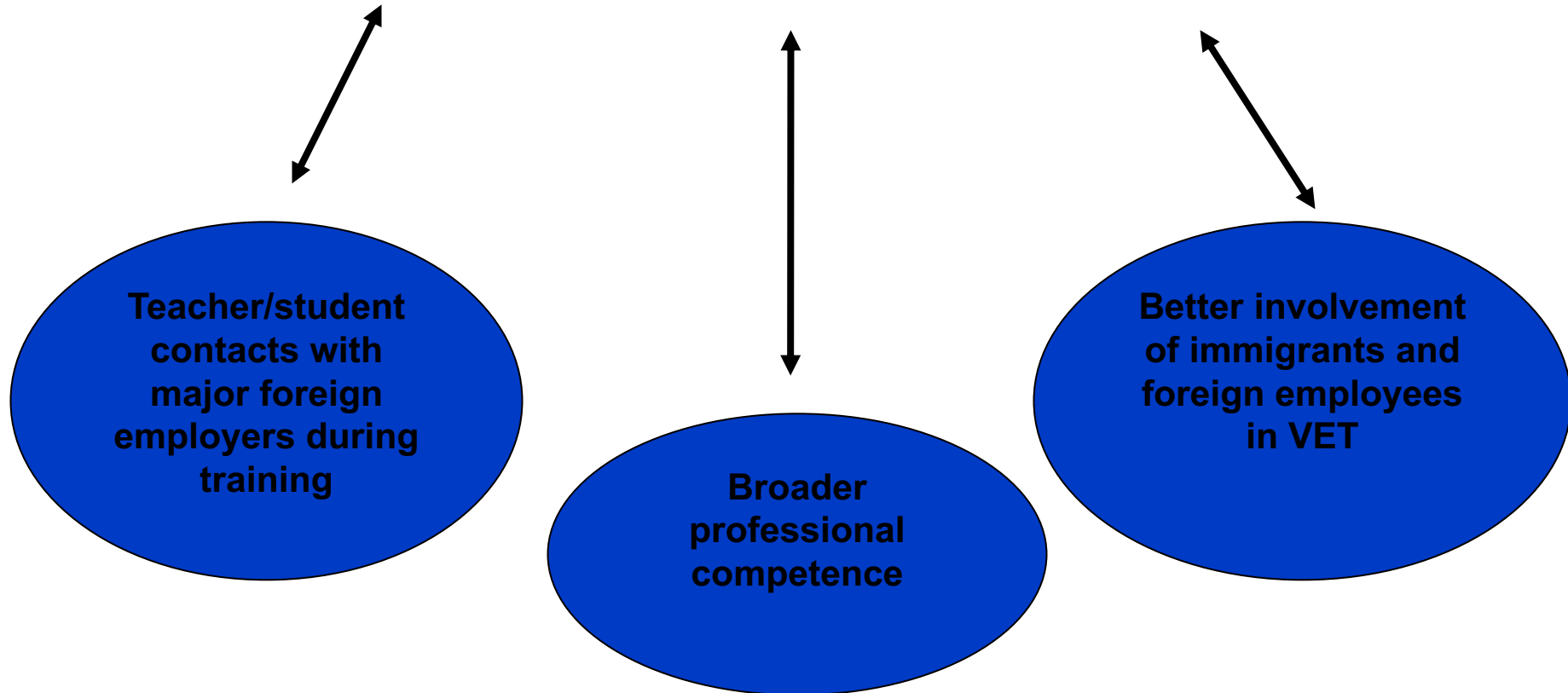
# Added value of internationalisation?

## 1. Education institutes with home-based internationalisation



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2. Educational institutes internationalising at the rate of their local working life partners



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- 3. Educational institutes strongly involved in international networking process

Internationalisation improves quality of teaching and learning

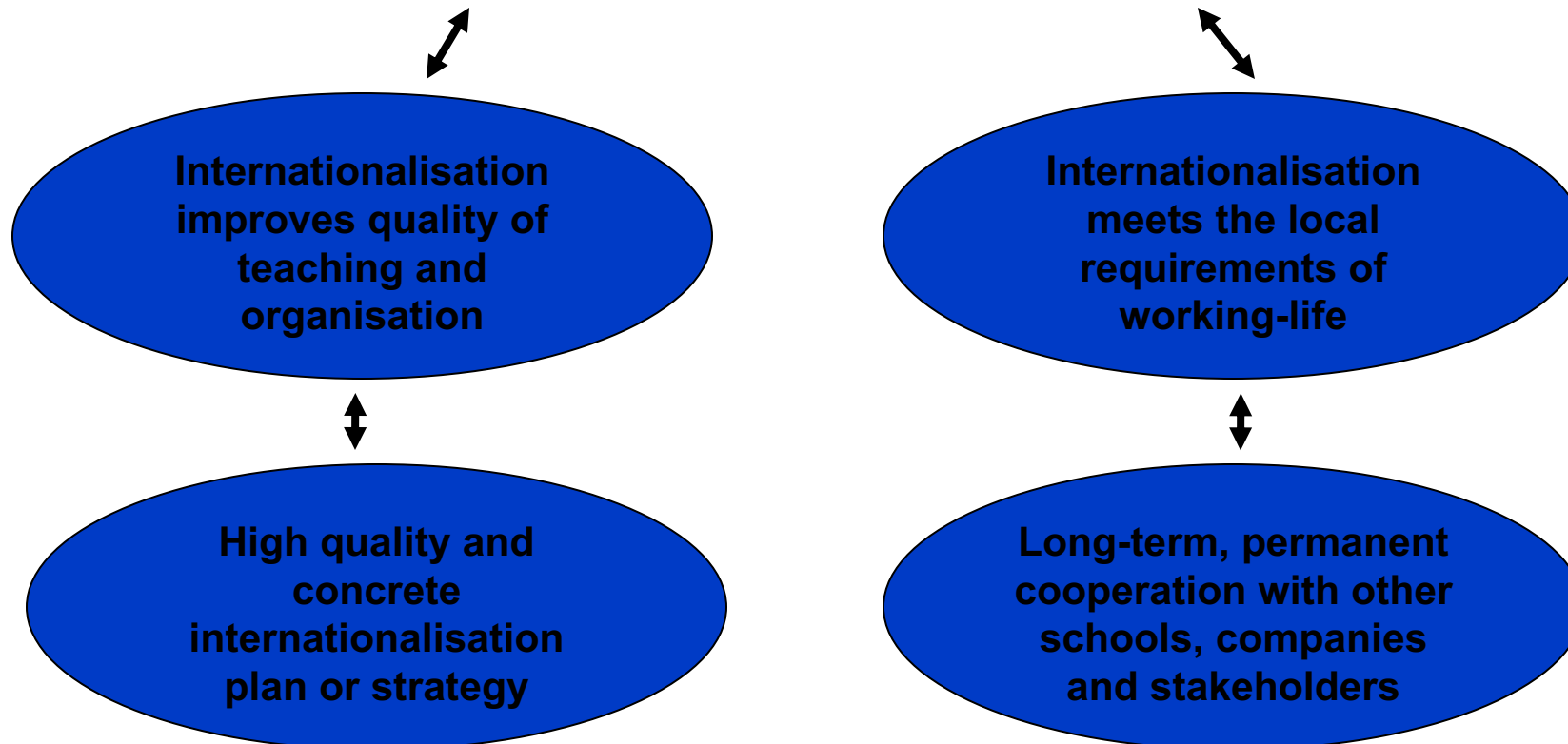
Internationalisation improves image

A lot of mobility and numerous development of projects

Internationalisation plan or strategy

# Added value of internationalisation?

## • 4. International educational institutes





# Thank you!

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