



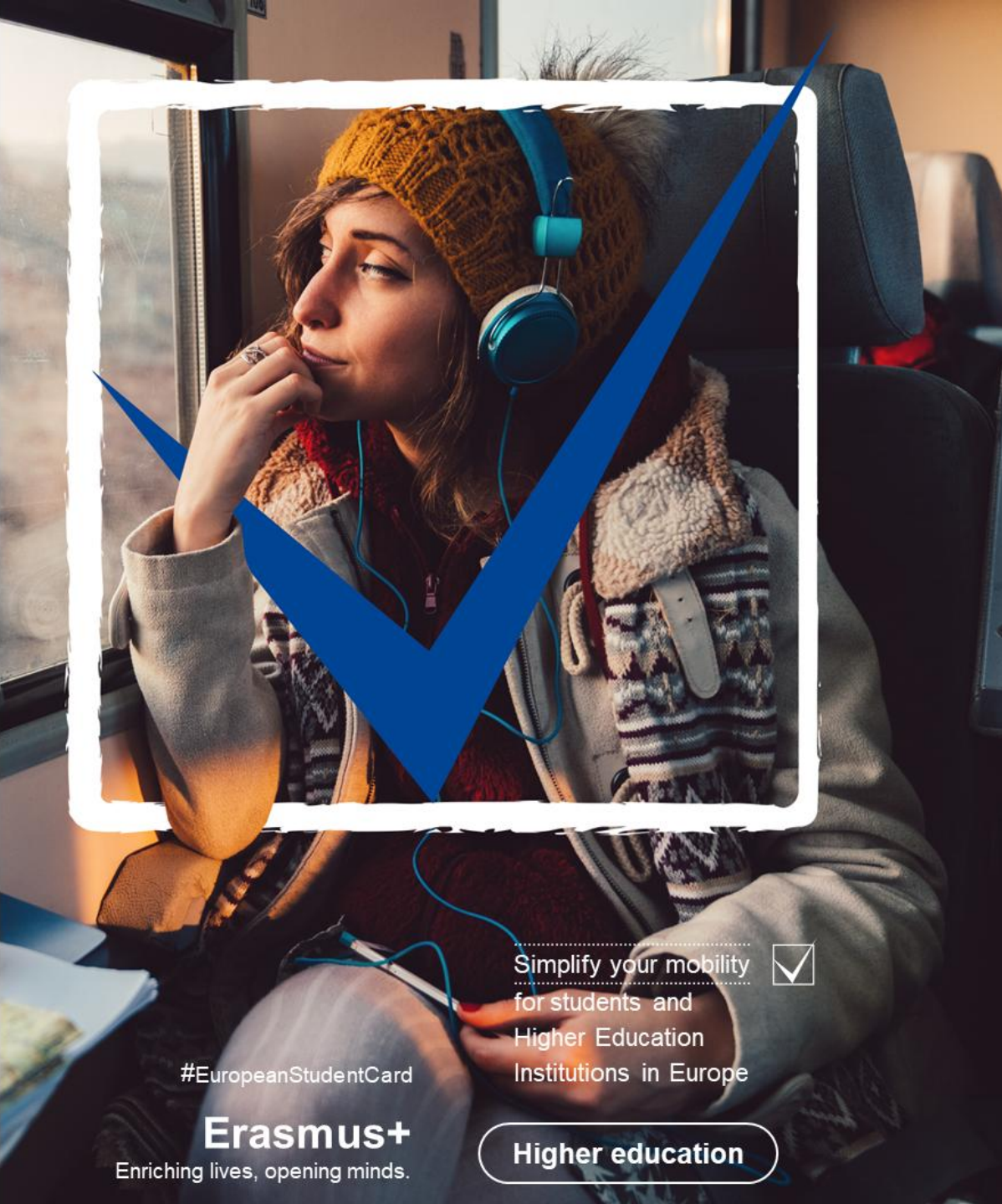
ESCI Day Finland – The European Student Card

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1 | ESC background & context

ESC BACKGROUND & CONTEXT

What is the European Student Card?

The **European Student Card** is not a new card nor an additional one, but simply each institution's current card, adapted to take on a **European dimension**, and **establishing a common European identity for higher education students**.

With a European Student Card, a student can...



Verify their student's status quickly and reliably anywhere in Europe



Access physical and digital services during their mobility, like the library or public transport

ESC BACKGROUND & CONTEXT

What is the European Student Card?

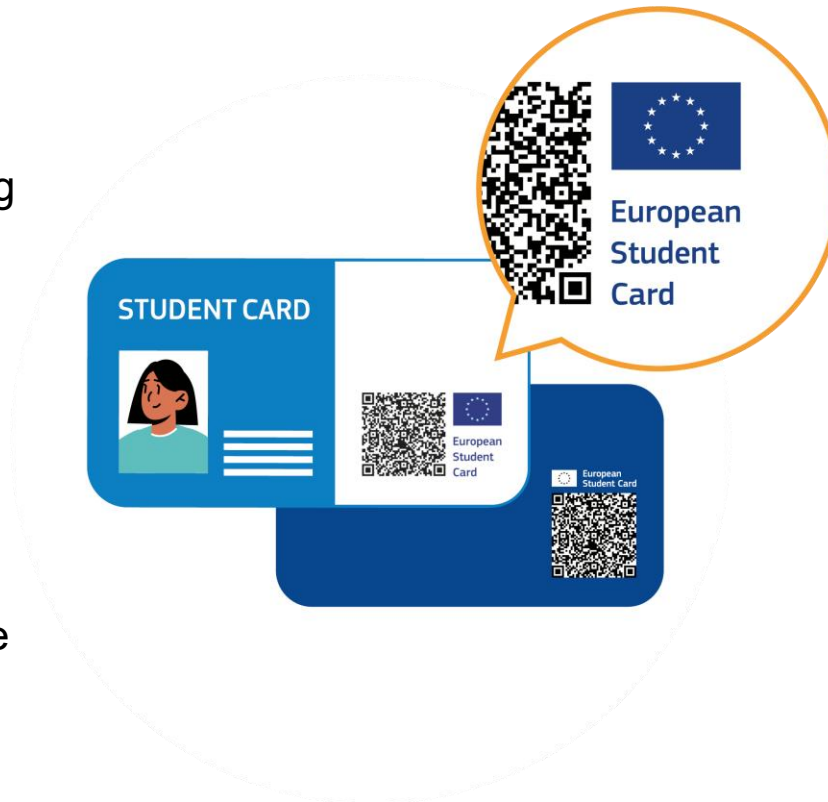
The European Student Card upgrades the student cards of higher education institutions with certain common elements.

ESI

A digital identifier used to uniquely identify students of European higher education institutions, linking them to a given ESC

European Student Card Number (ESCN)

A unique card identifier that serves to identify student cards belonging to a given institution and to validate them



European Student Card logo* / QR code

Combines the European identity (text & flag) with a QR code, certifying the card authenticity across Europe and enabling the validation of student status

* The new ESC logo replaces the previous combination of hologram + QR code (which will remain valid until 2028).



Depending on the institution issuing the card, the ESC can be in a **digital** or a **physical format** and can be integrated into student cards **with any type of technology**. The ESC can be issued **directly** by the higher education institution or **co-branded**.

ESC BACKGROUND & CONTEXT

Benefits of the European Student Card

The benefits of the ESC are upheld through its **European dimension**, as well as cooperation between higher education institution under the **reciprocity principle**.

A student on mobility arrives at their host higher education institution:



Students can have their student status recognised at the host higher education institution through their ESC, and develop a stronger sense of shared European identity



The ESC is recognised by the **host higher education institution**, allowing the **student** to access various on and off-campus services



Host higher education institutions can easily and securely validate the student status of incoming mobility students



Student service providers are provided with a reliable method to verify student status, while at the same time expanding their users' network and gaining greater visibility among ESC cardholders

ESC BACKGROUND & CONTEXT

ESC in Finland – How would this work?



The ESC is primarily a tool to **increase transparency** and make it easier and more secure for students to **validate their student status**. It aims to **simplify and improve the experience of Finnish students** going on a mobility abroad – and similarly, the experience of mobility students coming to Finland.

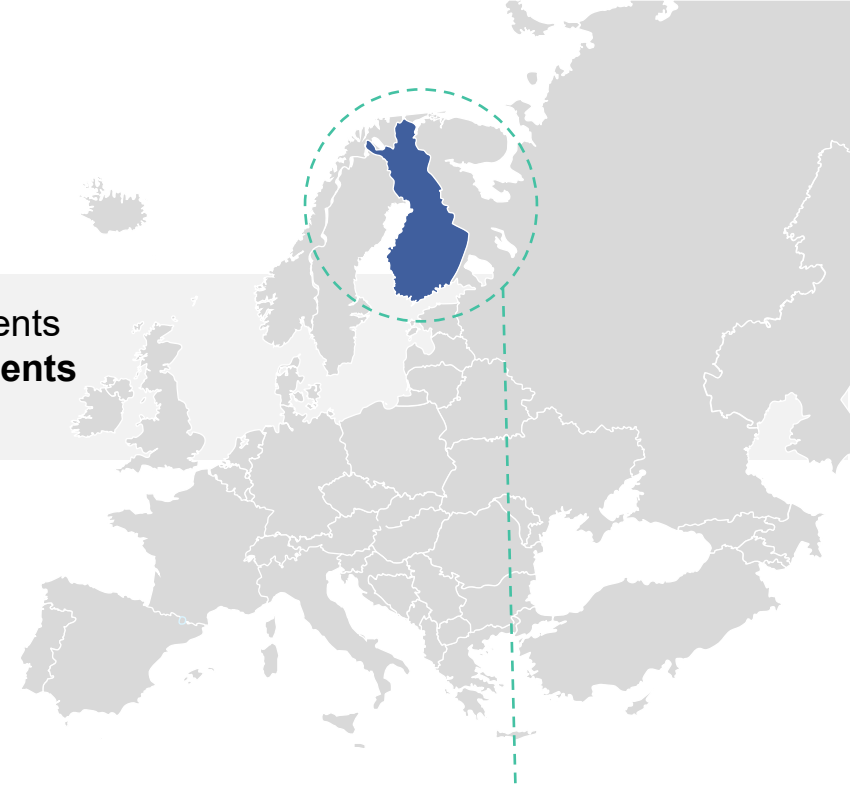


Within the **Finnish context**, student cards are managed and issued by **student unions**.

Therefore, the goal is to **closely collaborate** with both student unions and Finnish higher education institutions to **co-define an approach** that can benefit both Finnish students and exchange students coming to Finland.



To explore the above, a **pilot** involving LUT university, the student union LTKY, and Slice **is currently ongoing** and has been showing **promising results**.



3 Finnish higher education institutions have registered to the ESC Router, but **none has yet issued active ESCs**.



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2 | How does the ESC work?

HOW DOES THE ESC WORK?

What is the ESC-Router (ESC-R)?

The European Student Card Router (ESC-R) is a **platform** that allows higher education institutions and other card issuers to **issue and manage ESCs**, as well as **verify student status**.

The screenshot displays the 'Organisations' management interface of the ESC Router. The left sidebar provides navigation options, with 'ORGANISATIONS' currently selected. The main content area features a table of organizations, each with a unique identifier, country, type, and active status. Search filters are available for Name, Identifier, and Country. The 'Actions' column for each organization includes icons for viewing, editing, and deleting the record.

Name	Identifier	Country	Organisation type	Active	Actions
Anonymous org 1	[blurred]	(FR) - France	Higher education institution	Yes	[eye] [pencil]
Anonymous org 10	[blurred]	(DE) - Germany	Higher education institution	No	[eye] [pencil] [person]
Anonymous org 101	[blurred]	(FR) - France	Higher education institution	Yes	[eye] [pencil]
Anonymous org 102	[blurred]	(FR) - France	Higher education institution	Yes	[eye] [pencil]
Anonymous org 103	[blurred]	(CZ) - Czechia	Higher education institution	No	[eye] [pencil] [person]
Anonymous org 104	[blurred]	(FR) - France	Higher education institution	No	[eye] [pencil] [person]
Anonymous org 105	[blurred]	(FR) - France	Higher education institution	No	[eye] [pencil] [person]
Anonymous org 106	[blurred]	(BE) - Belgium	Higher education institution	No	[eye] [pencil] [person]

HOW DOES THE ESC WORK?

User categories in the ESC-Router (ESC-R)



Higher education institutions issuing student cards in any **EU/EEA*** **Member State or European microstate**



Public authorities issuing student cards at local, regional or national level in any **EU/EEA* Member State or European microstate**



Third-party processors issuing student cards on behalf of higher education institutions or public authorities registered to the ESC Router

* *European Economic Area*

Note: ECHE holders in third countries (other than EEA) associated to the Erasmus+ Programme and ECHE holders in the Western Balkans (Region 1) are also eligible to adopt the ESC.

*In the Finnish context, higher education institutions could register to the ESC Router and delegate the issuance of European Student Cards to their **local student unions** and/or to **card providers like Slice**, which can then issue European Student Cards on their behalf.*

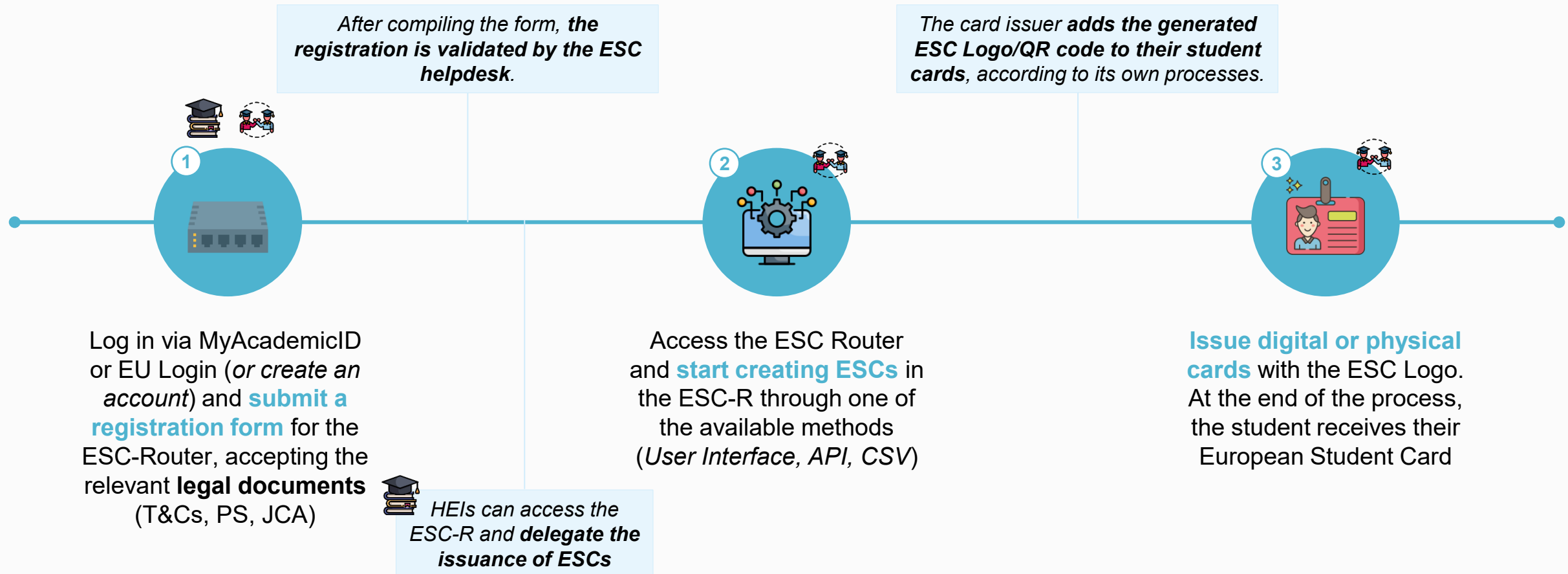
HOW DOES THE ESC WORK?

How to issue ESCs through the ESC-R



Higher education institution

Student union / Card issuer

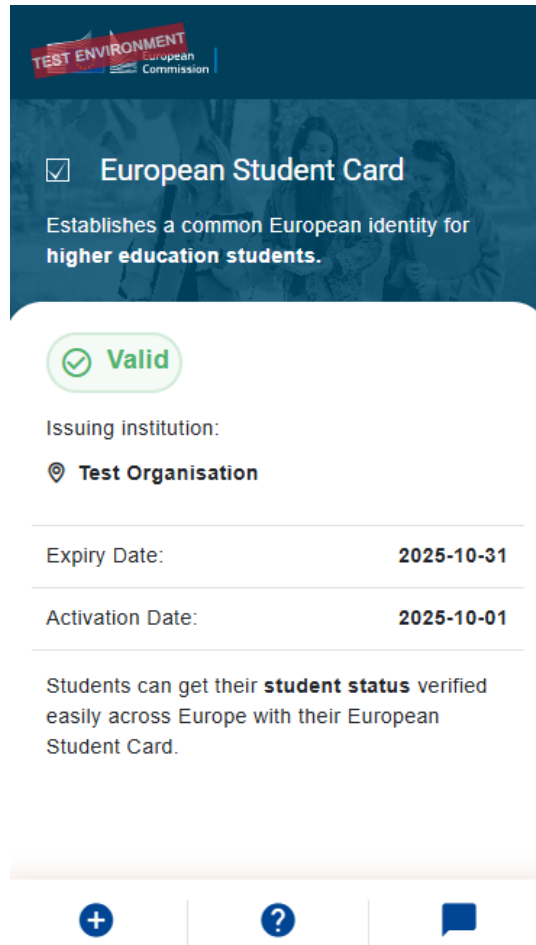


More detailed information on how to implement the ESC is provided within the General specifications (including comprehensive explanations on the ESC and its main business processes) and Technical specifications (including clear guidelines for implementation).

HOW DOES THE ESC WORK?

Student status verification

When scanning the QR code* of a European Student Card to validate the status of a student, the **higher education institution** or **service provider** will be presented with a similar **validation screen**:



TEST ENVIRONMENT
European Commission

☒ **European Student Card**

Establishes a common European identity for
higher education students.

☒ **Valid**

Issuing institution:
📍 **Test Organisation**

Expiry Date:	2025-10-31
Activation Date:	2025-10-01

Students can get their **student status** verified easily across Europe with their European Student Card.

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Note: For basic validation, no specific equipment is required to scan the QR code of a European Student Card. The QR code can be simply scanned with a smartphone or similar device.



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3 | ESC Router Demonstration

ESC ROUTER DEMONSTRATION

Registration Form

[Register](#)

[Log out](#)

Registration

European Student Card Team




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Organisation Type  *

Select one of the options



Organisation identifier  *

Organisation name *

Country *

Start typing...

City *

User email *

Full name (first name, last name) *

Alternative contact addresses

name@mail.com

[+ Add](#)

Other comments

[Accept legal documents and submit](#)



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4 | Other updates and information

OTHER UPDATES AND INFORMATION

ESC Service Catalogue

For students



The ESC Service Catalogue will be a dedicated platform accessible to students, allowing them to search for and find services available to those holding a European Student Card.

For higher education institutions and service providers



The ESC Service Manager, the 'behind-the-scenes' version of the ESC Service Catalogue, is already available. Higher education institutions and service providers can easily list the services they provide to ESC holders through the ESC Service Manager.

Some key features of the service catalogue include:



Digital Catalogue

A digital directory of student services that accept the ESC



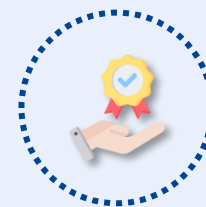
Filterable Listings

Easily search and filter services by city, country, and type



Map view

Browse through all the services available in a map view



Service Contributions

Higher education institutions and external service providers can add services using dedicated forms

ESC Service Catalogue



List View Map View

Search

Search by name or description...

Country

City

Search by city name...

Tags

Select one or more tags...



All categories

Accommodation

 Culture

 Entertainment

 Food and drink

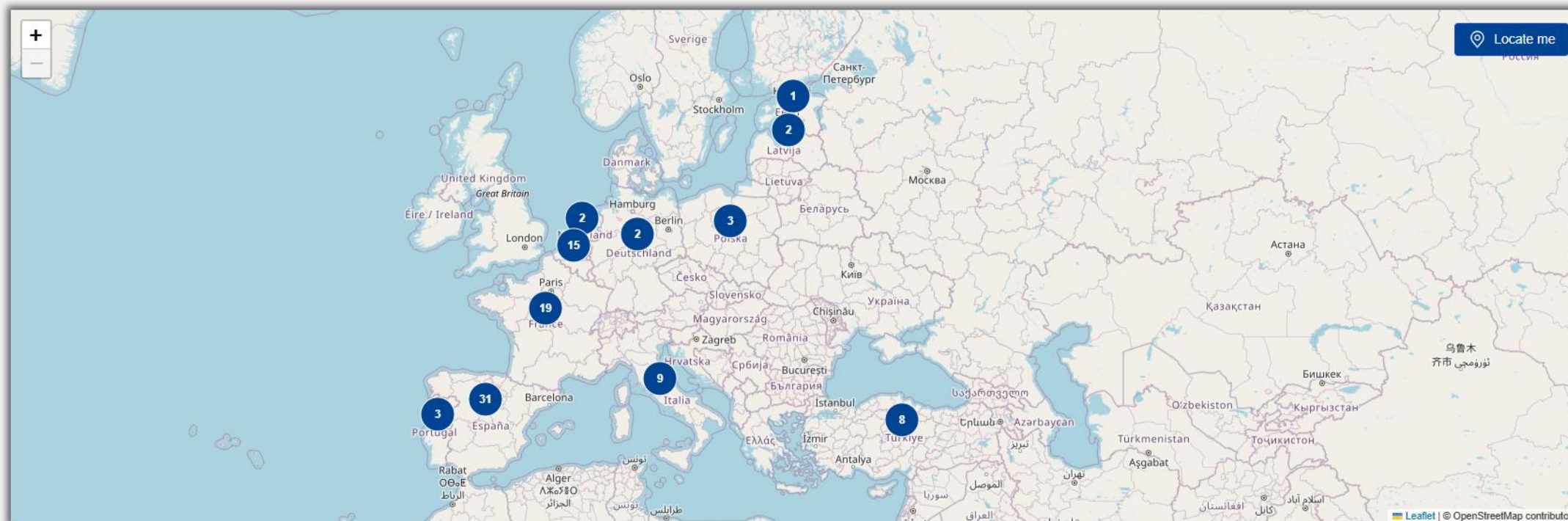
 **Services** Shopping

Sport

 Study

Travel

Other



 Please zoom in to a specific area to check the services that matches the selected filters, take into account that the blue circles counts services per country including all the territories of that country, without taking into account the filters

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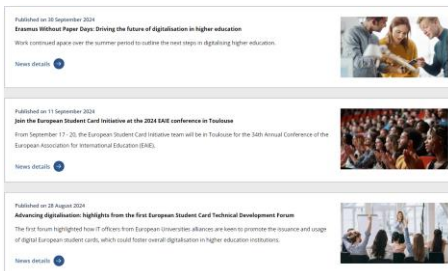
ESC Trainings & Resources



Training sessions about the European Student Card are organised regularly by the ESC Project Team. Monitor the [Events](#) page of the ESCI Website to always be up to date on upcoming training sessions and events.

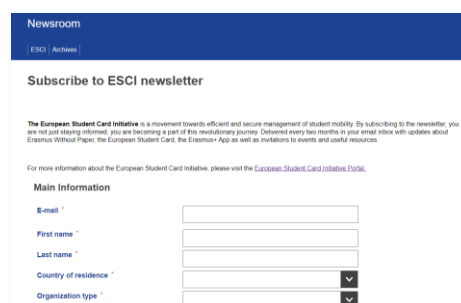
ESCI News Articles

The **latest news, events, and updates** on the European Student Card, Erasmus+ App and Erasmus Without Paper are regularly published on the [ESCI Website](#).



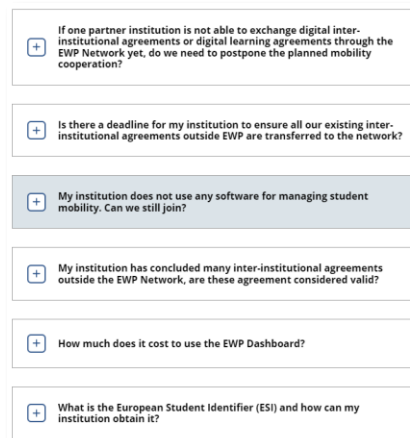
ESCI Newsletter

You can subscribe [here](#) to the **ESCI Newsletter**



FAQs

[FAQs](#) are also available under the ESCI Website



Helpdesk

If you don't find the answer to your question, contact the ESC support team through our:

[ESCI Helpdesk](#)





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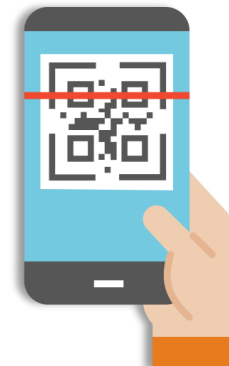


Stay tuned!

For any further questions and support,
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*Scan the QR code to access
the Helpdesk!*





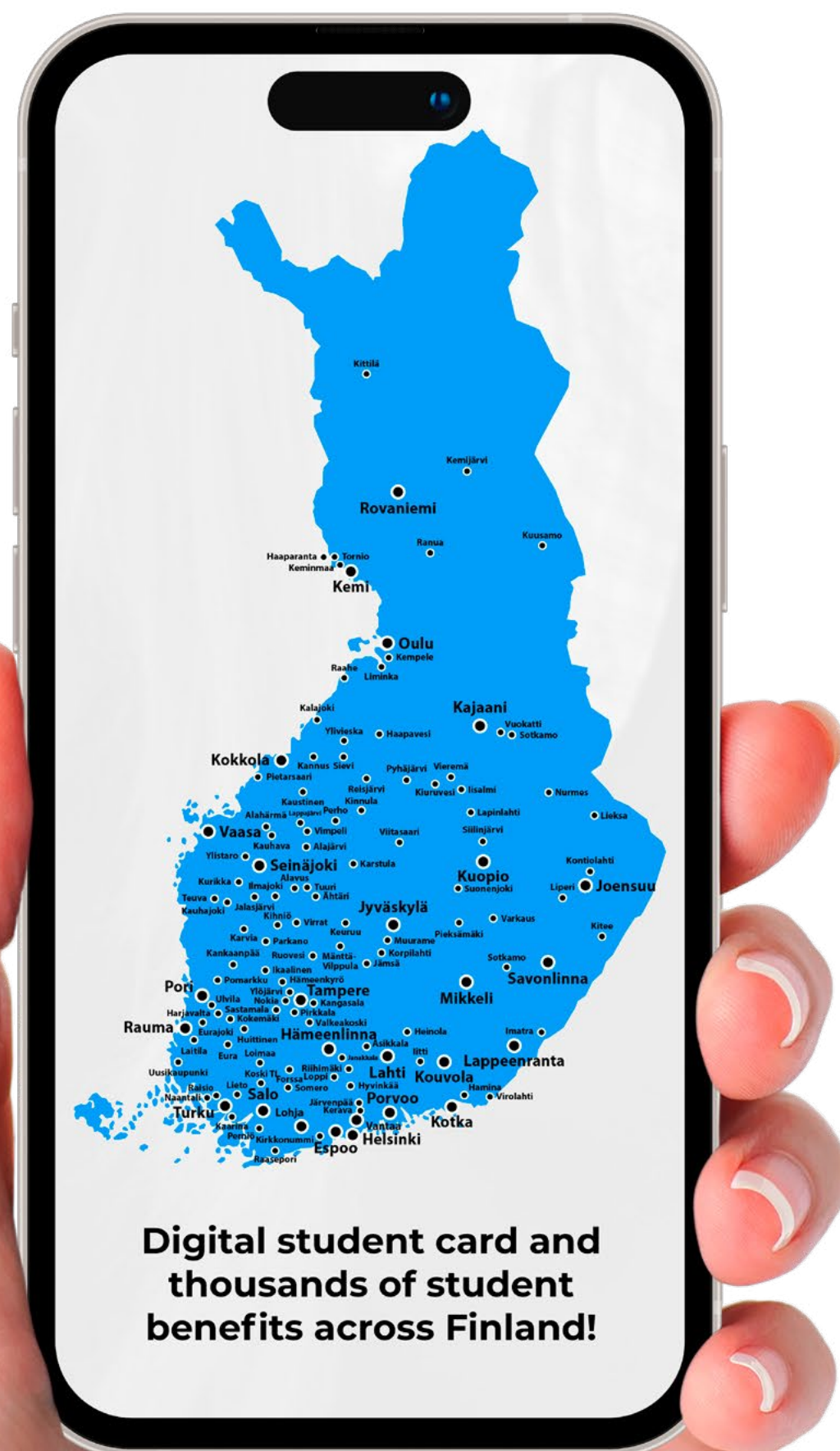
ESC TO LUT STUDENTS

- » Implementation in 2 phases:
 - » 1. First all LUT students will receive the ESC
 - » 2. After Funidata adds ESI to SISU, inbound exchange students will receive the ESC
- » Data flows through existing infrastructure through the student union as with the student card currently and very little changes.
- » Integrating ESC to working system gives students the benefits of Slice and makes the implementation easier.
- » No need for trying to get businesses offer benefits because Slice has already established that.

ESC Pilot LUT University – International Mobility Services / Marjut Summanen & Pia Puonti

LUT UNIVERSITY'S ROLE ON ESC

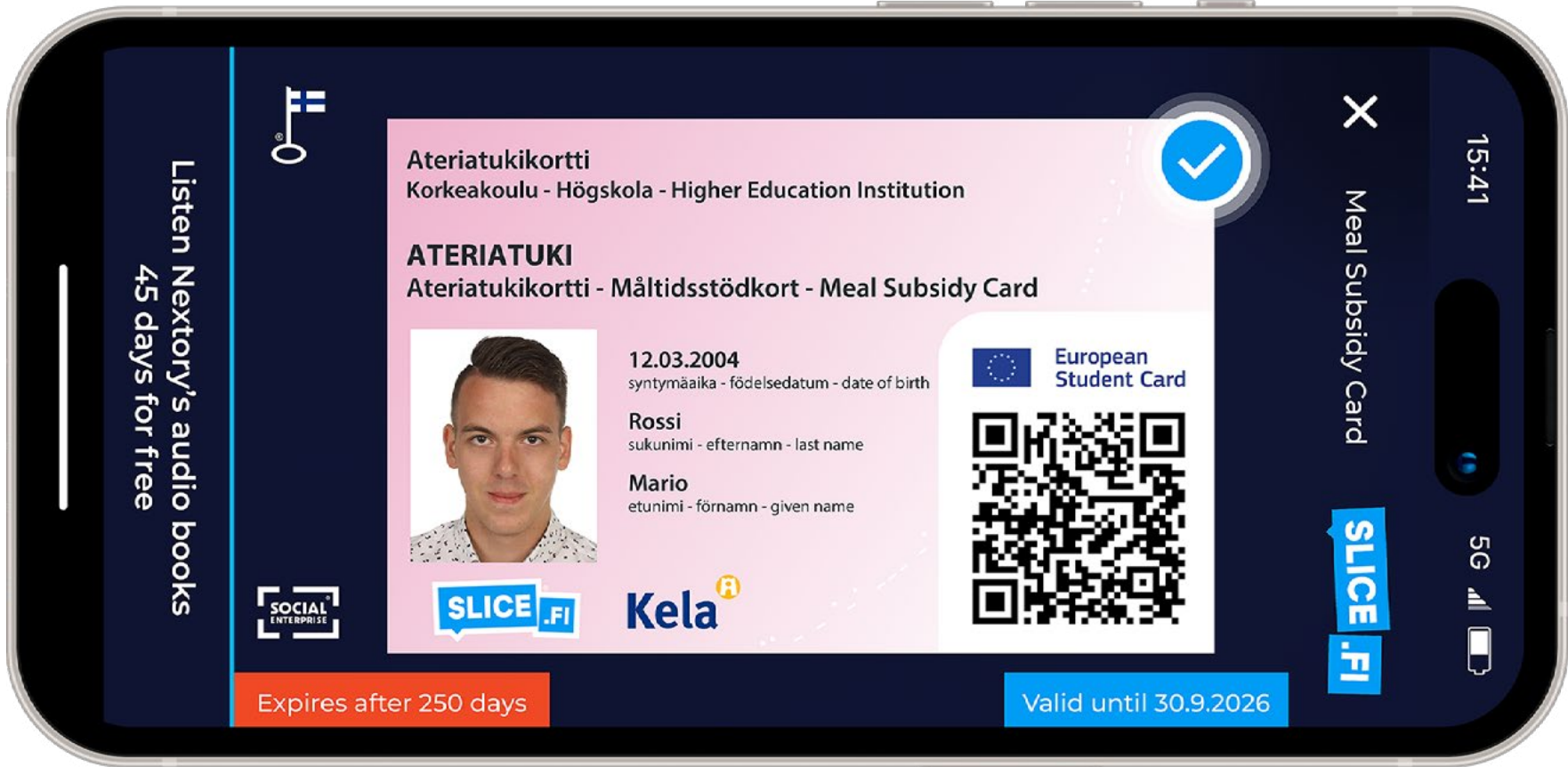
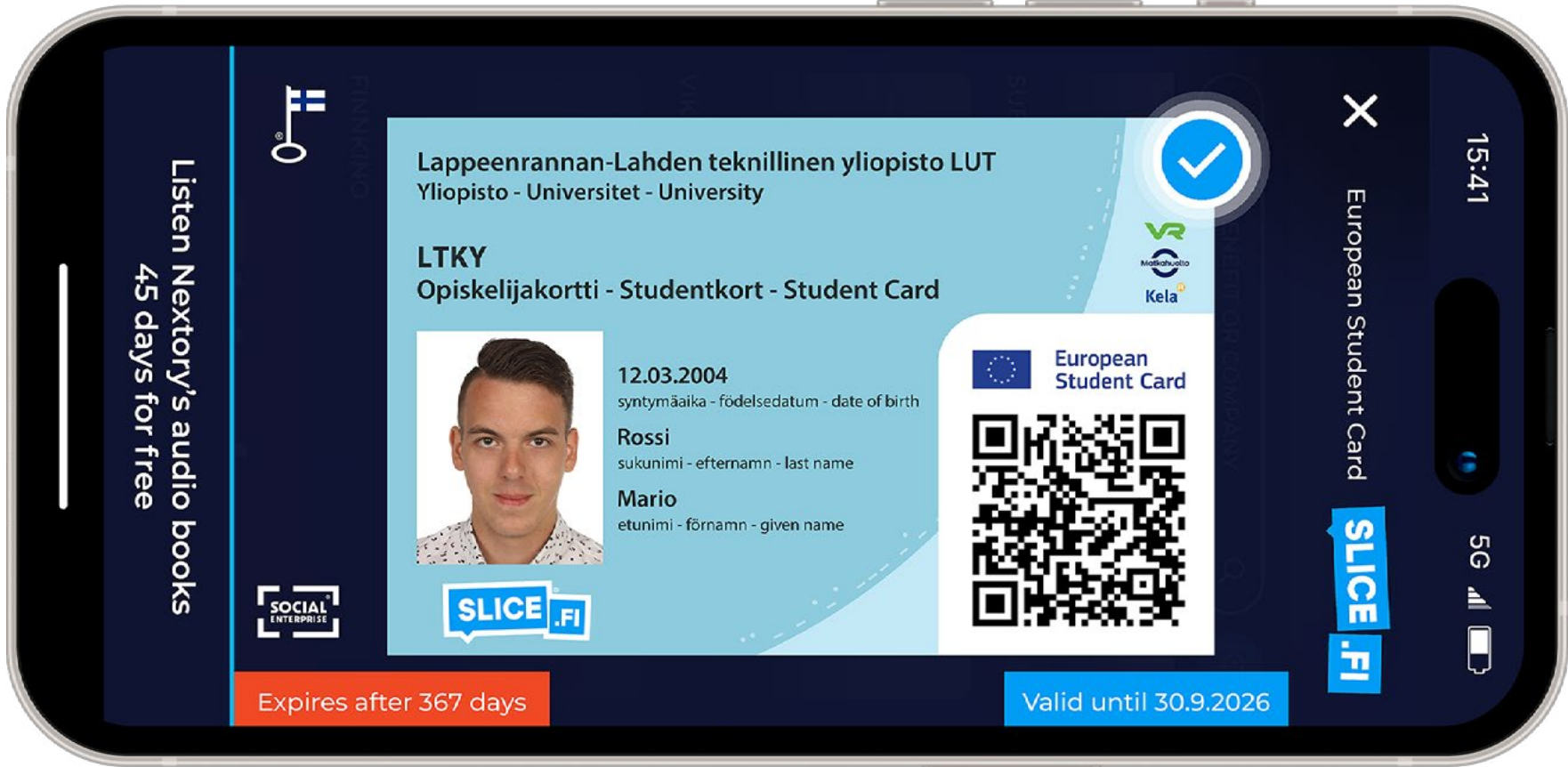
- » Registering LUT to ESC Router
 - » MyAcademicID (or EU Login)
 - » Legal signatory needs to do this (accepting legal documents)
- » Making an authorisation
 - » Adding Slice as card provider in the ESC router
 - » Legal documents needs to be accepted again → legal signatory needed again
- » IT department making sure that ESI is provided
- » Funding the costs from Erasmus+ Organisational Support



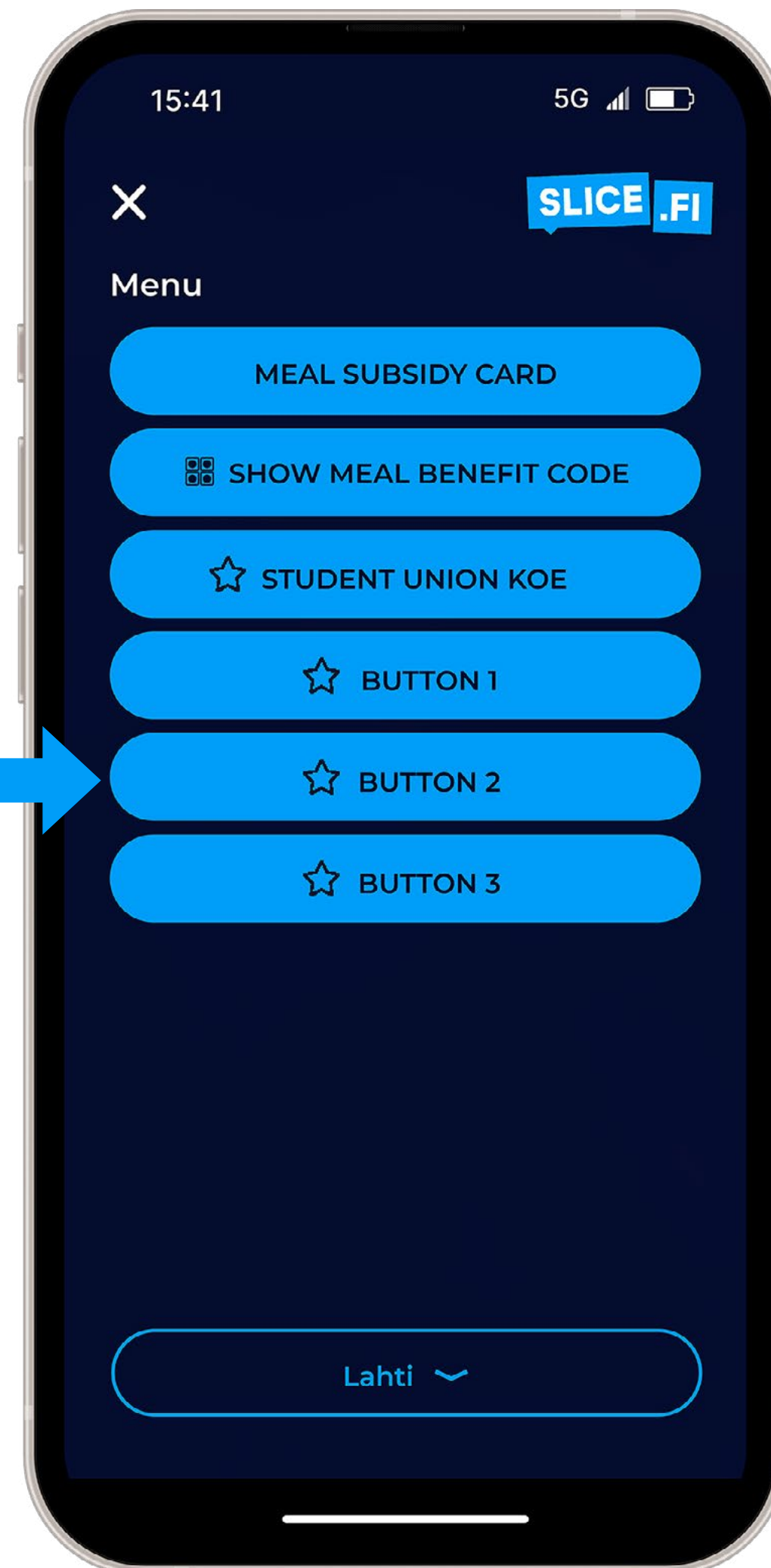
A digital student card and thousands of benefits from Finland's largest student benefit service



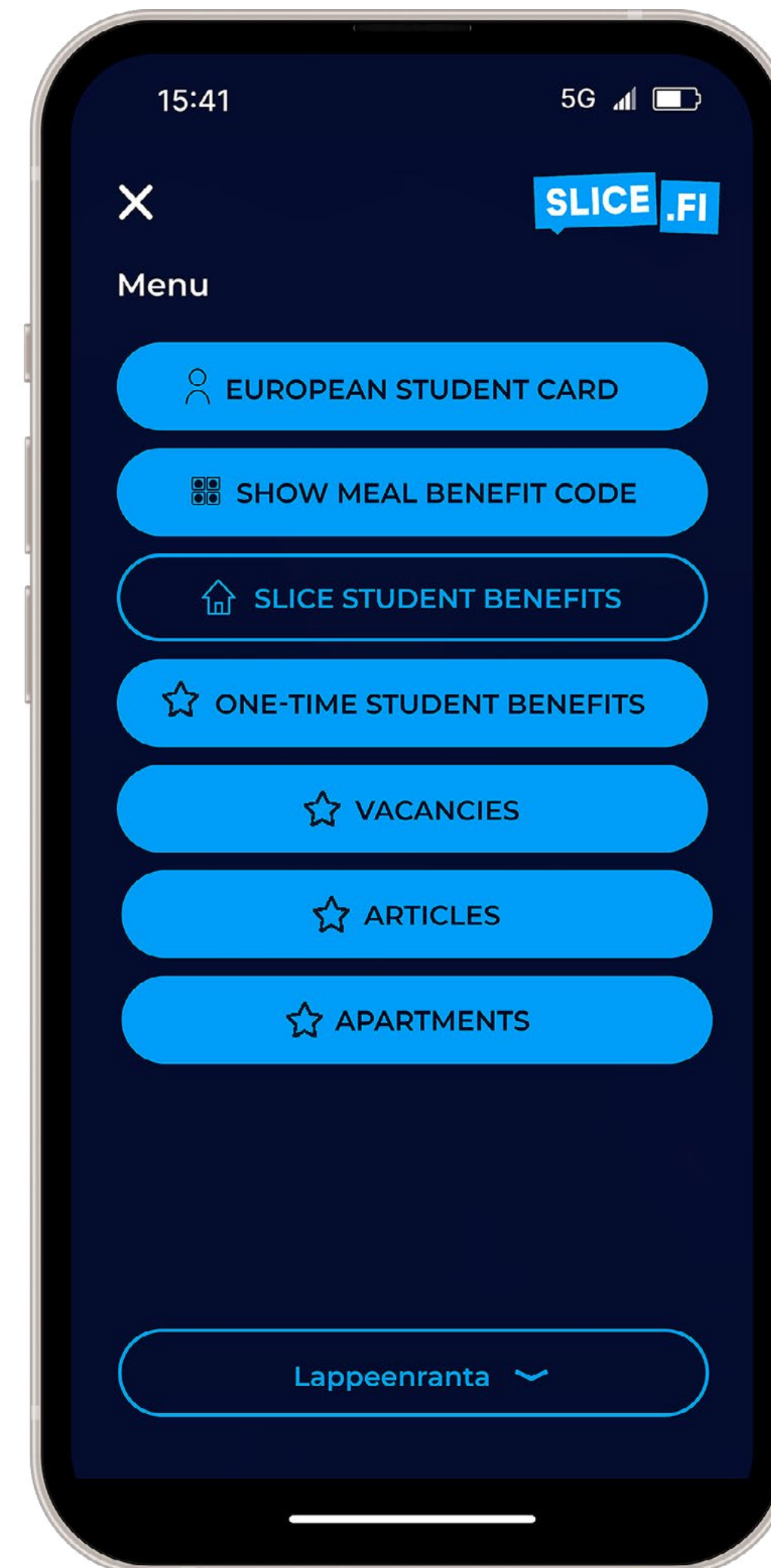
LTKY Student Card, Meal Benefit Card & QR Code



LAB University of Applied Sciences



LUT University



Main Menu

Customizable layers
for the student union's
content



ESC-integration with Slice

1. The largest student discounts service in Finland, offering both nationwide and local discounts in cooperation with local student unions
2. The most widely used digital student card app among educational institutions in Finland
3. Free of annual charge



- A Complete, cost-free technical solution for universities
- Combines both local and national student discounts for ESC-users

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