



# Survey to Learned Societies in Finland

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# Project

- Federation of Finnish Learned Societies (TSV) and Tampere University have started a joint project to investigate the activities of learned societies in Finland.
- TSV is a coordinating body of 278 learned societies and 4 Science Academies with over 260,000 members (researchers, professionals, interested citizens)
- Strong role in scholarly publishing: learned societies account for 2/3 of peer-reviewed publication channels and outputs published in Finland
- Enormous potential for creating societal impact
- National level studies have been conducted e.g. in Portugal and UK
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# Questionnaire

Responding to the survey takes about 10 to 15 minutes.

- Background information
- Reasons for TSV membership
- Finances
- Organization and personnel
- Membership
- Publishing activity
- Seminar and conference activity
- Research activity
- Societal interaction
- Open science
- Collaboration
- Future



## Next Steps?

- The survey in Finland and a report will be completed during spring
- Is there interest in extending the survey to other European countries?
- How to contact and reach societies in different countries?
- Collaboration could result in:
  - ENRESSH report on SSH learned societies in Europe
  - Conference presentations and journal papers