



“Espoo, the Most Sustainable City in Europe”





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The Espoo Story is the city's strategy until 2021. It has been diligently prepared in intensive cooperation with residents, staff and elected officials. The Espoo Story directs the city's operations toward common goals. The City Council approved the story 11 Sept 2017.

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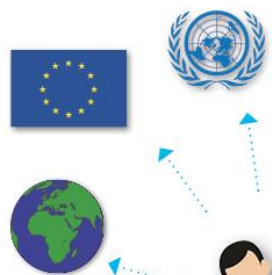
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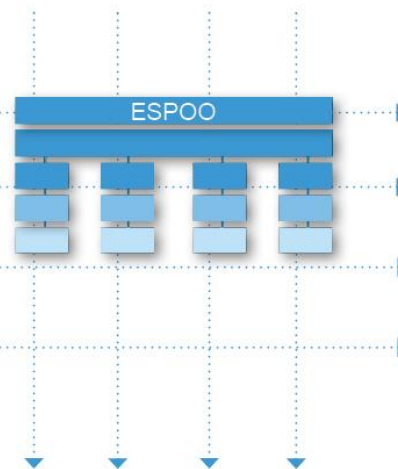


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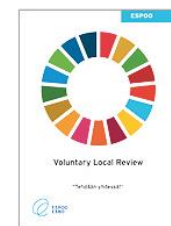
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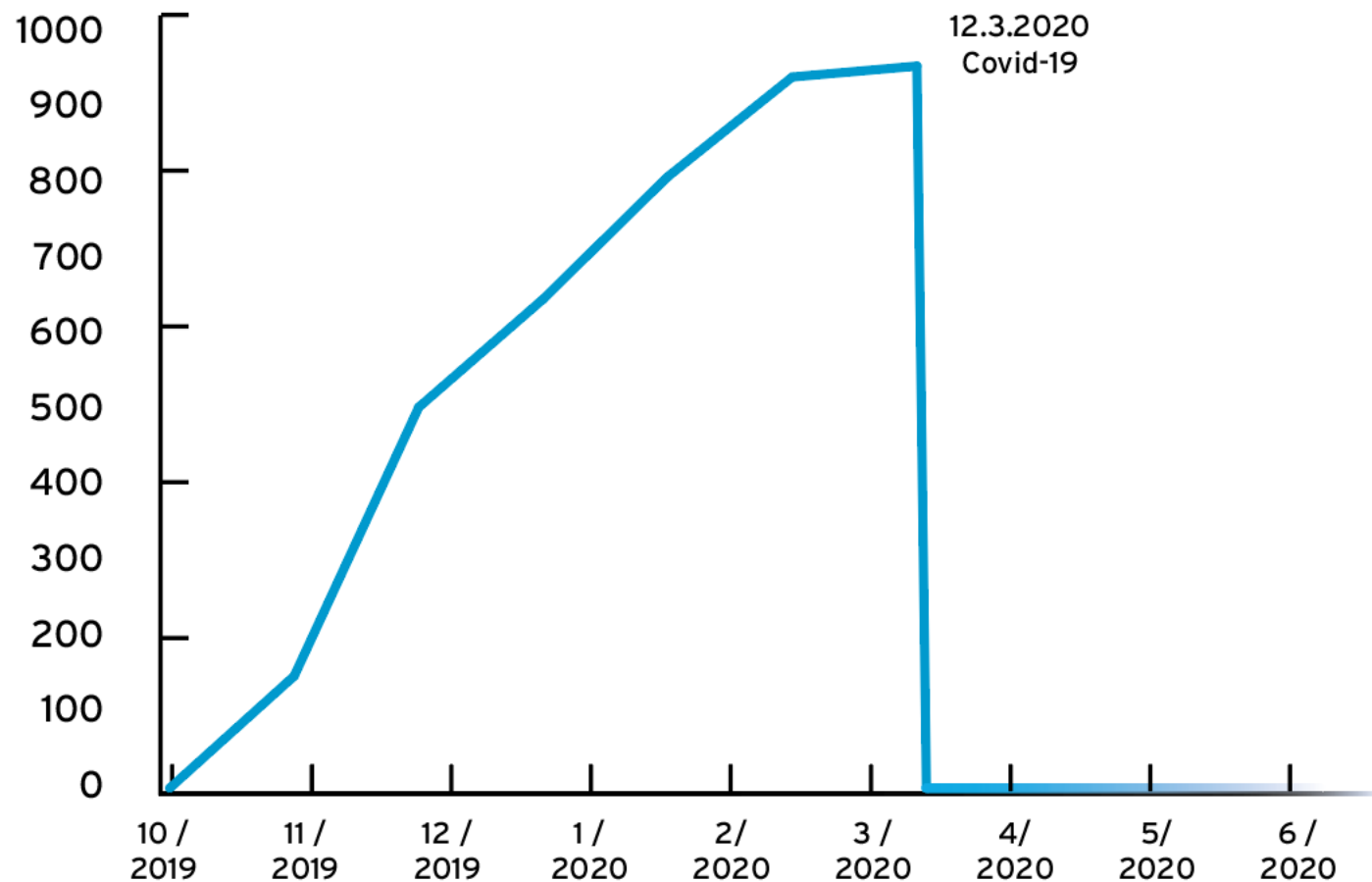


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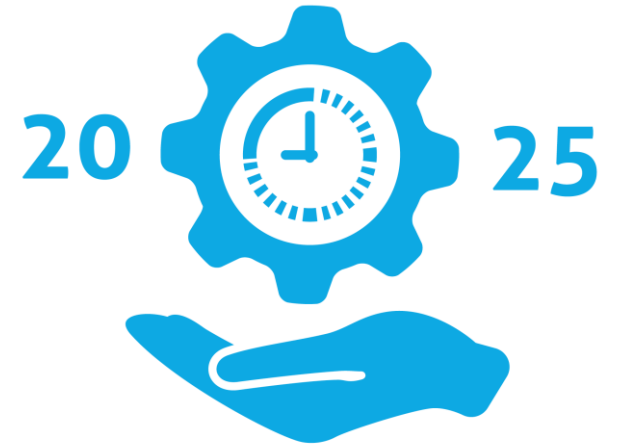


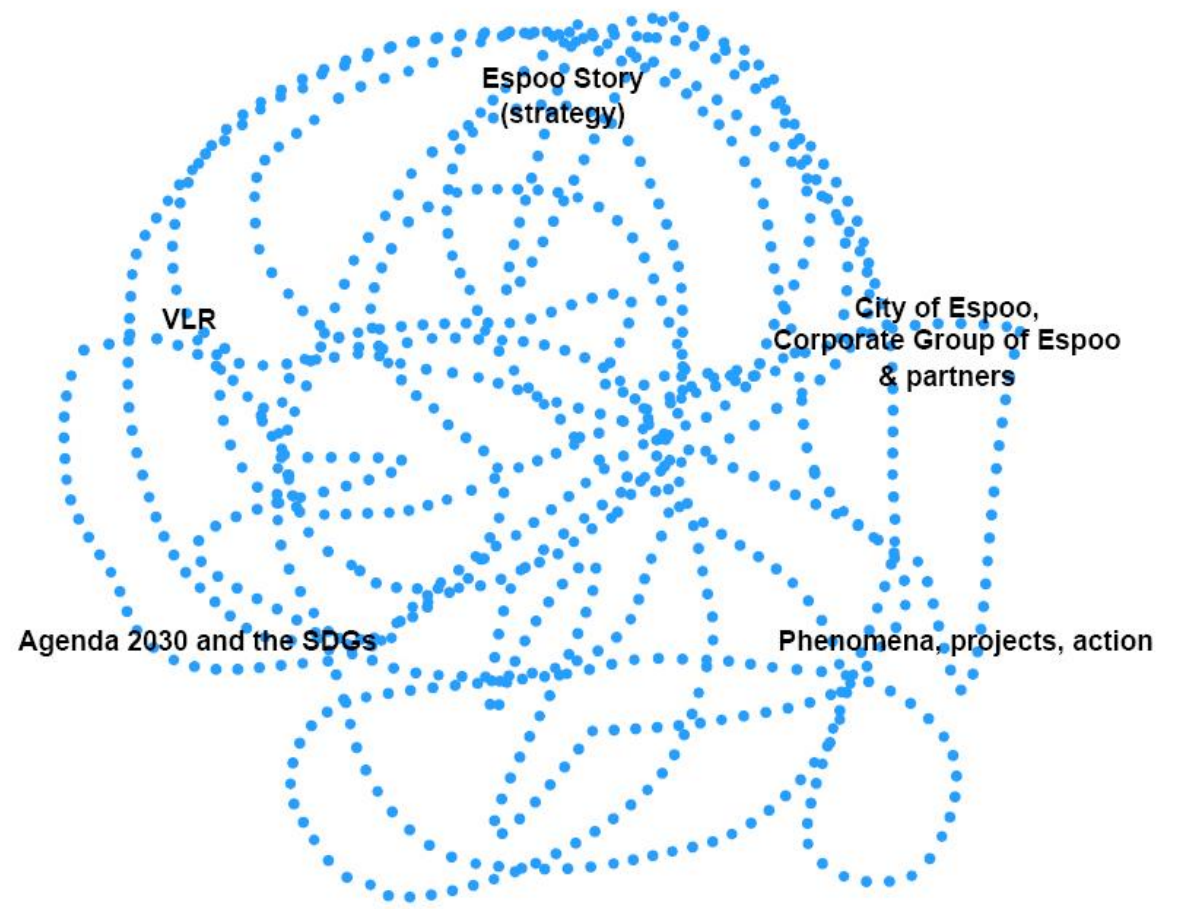
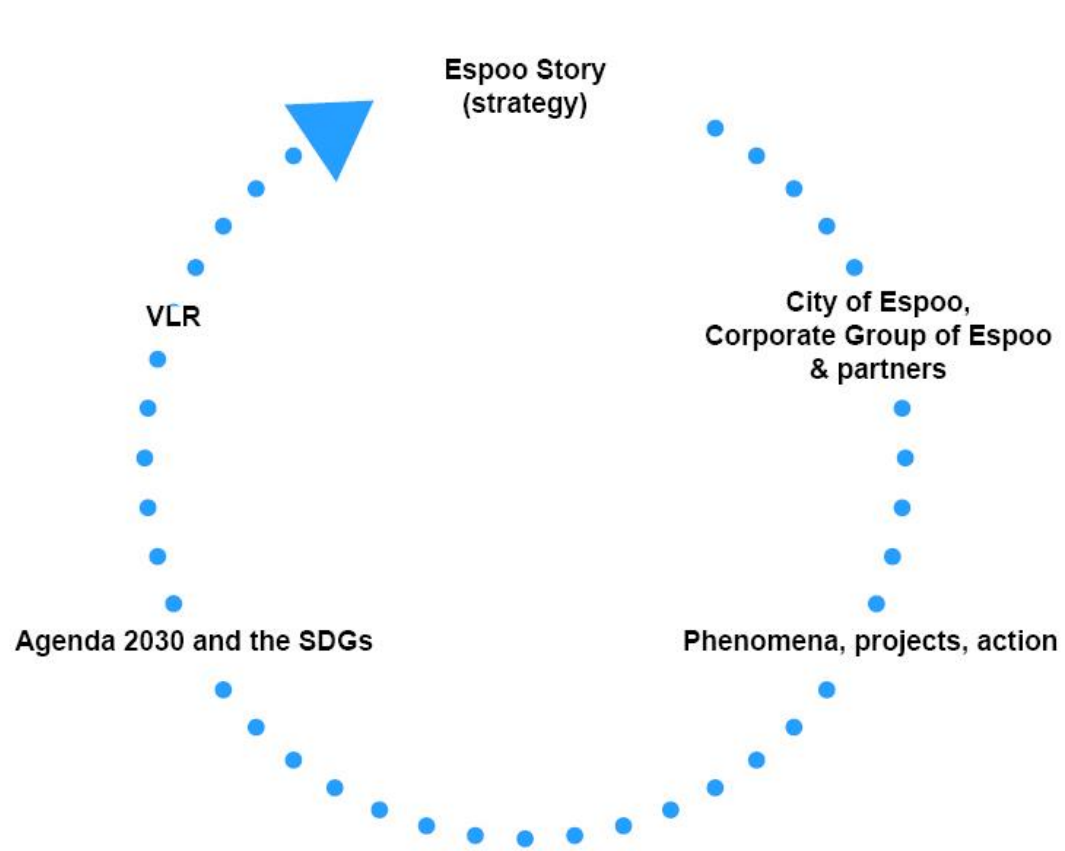
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October 2019	144
November 2019	489
December 2019	628
January 2020	785
February 2020	913
March 2020	927
April 2020	0







LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND

This section presents phenomena and operations in City of Espoo focusing on social and cultural sustainability. The section is divided into three parts:

- PART I: "No one is left behind"
- PART II: "Holistic learning and Culture for all ages"
- PART III: "Lean health services enable agile response to growing needs"

PART I: NO ONE IS LEFT BEHIND

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LET'S DO IT TOGETHER

This section presents how City of Espoo is working towards sustainable and innovative future through Co-creation. The aim is clear: create new and sustainable hand print while driving foot print down. The section is divided into three parts and focuses mainly on economic sustainability:

- PART I: Co-creation and Urban ecosystems
- PART II: Creating handprint through innovations and new technologies
- PART III: Area development as steering sustainable future

PART I: CO-CREATION AND ECOSYSTEMS

CITY AS A SERVICE - COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT TOGETHER	
CO-CREATION AS A TOOL IN A CHANGING WORLD	
FACILITIES AS A SERVICE BY MEANS OF INNOVATIVE PROCUREMENT	
EXPERIMENT AS A PART OF THE FACILITIES AS A SERVICE PROJECT	
MAKE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS WITH ESPOO	
SUSTAINABLE GROWTH FOR STARTUPS AND THE WHOLE OF ESPOO	
CO-CREATION IN THE HEART OF ESPOO	
INSPIRING, DYNAMIC ESPOO	
A ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR CUSTOMERORIENTED BUSINESS SERVICES	
MAYOR'S INNOVATION CONTEST	
CUSTOMER-ORIENTED SERVICES	
PROCUREMENT UNIT IMPLEMENTS THE CITY'S SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT	



ACCELERATED ACTION

This section focuses on ecological sustainability and innovations in infrastructure and urban development. Sustainable urban development has significant impact on achieving the SDG Forerunner 2025 goals. The section is divided into five parts:

- PART I: Path towards carbon neutral Espoo
- PART II: Mobility as a Service
- PART III: Urban development creating sustainable impact
- PART IV: Steering and data creating basis for sustainable development
- PART V: Nature and biodiversity as foundation for sustainability

PT I: TOWARDS CARBON NEUTRALITY

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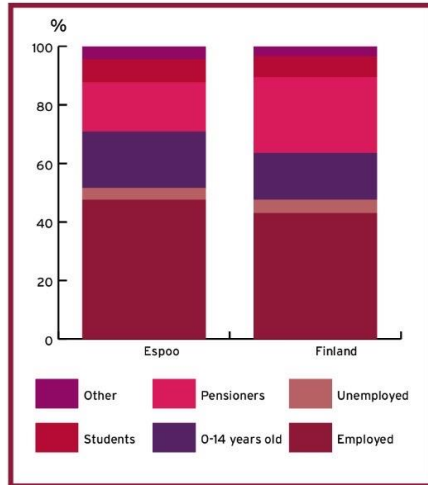
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PROMOTE SUSTAINED, INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH, FULL AND PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT AND DECENT WORK FOR ALL

POPULATION BY ACTIVITY ON 31 DECEMBER 2018

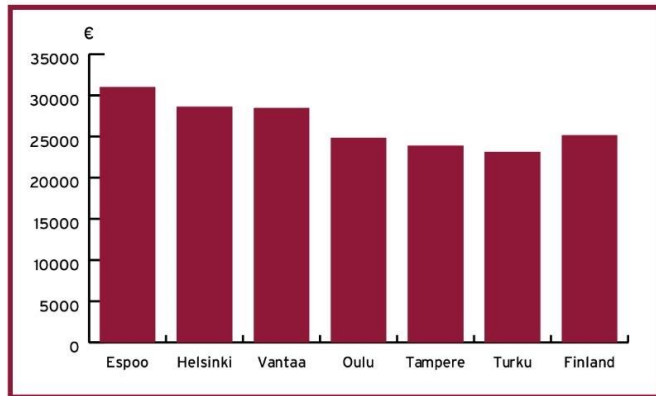


Employment and unemployment vary quite considerably by month and the change from the observation of the previous month mainly describes the seasonal aspect rather than the trend in development. Thus, the latest statistical data are compared to the corresponding period of the year before.

According to Statistics Finland's Labour Force Survey in the end of February 2020 in Espoo

- the unemployment rate was 7,7%, lowest among the six largest cities in Finland (same as 2019)
- the unemployment rate of young people aged 15 to 24 was 6,7% in Jan-Feb 2020 (same as 2019)
- there were approximately 11 000 job-seekers (same as 2019)
- there were approximately 3 400 long-term unemployed (same as 2019)
- there were approximately 900 under 25-year-old job-seekers.
- Of the 11 000 unemployed
- 8,4% were under 25-years-old (1,1% less than 2019)
- 56,3% were 25-49 years old (0,3 % less than 2019)
- 35,3% were over 50 years old (0,7% more than 2019)
- men 54% and women 46%.

MEDIAN OF STATE TAXABLE MEDIAN INCOME OF THE RESIDENTS OF SIX LARGEST CITIES IN 2018



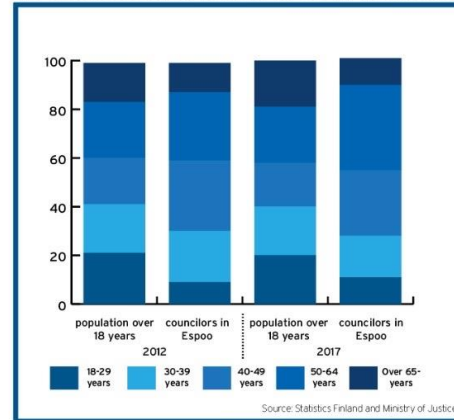
Espoo residents had the highest state taxable median income of six largest cities in 2018. It was 31 014€ compared to 25 158€ in Finland.

Source: Statistics Finland



PROMOTE PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDE ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR ALL AND BUILD EFFECTIVE, ACCOUNTABLE AND INCLUSIVE INSTITUTIONS AT ALL LEVELS

THE COUNCILORS' AND OVER 18-YEAR-OLD POPULATIONS' AGE DISTRIBUTION (%) IN ESPOO IN 2012 AND 2017

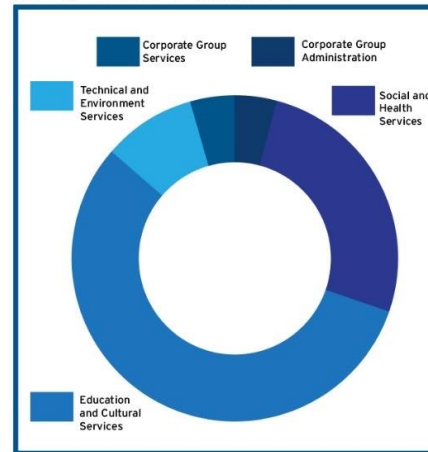


Confidence in political institutions is key for effective democracies. On the one hand, citizens' confidence increases the probability that they vote in democratic elections. On the other hand, it provides politicians and political parties with the necessary mandate to take decisions that are accepted in society. Local government is one of the most important arenas of participation in democratic life (Local Government Act 410/2015, part 2).

According to the School Health Promotion Study 2019 the young people from Espoo experience that they are trusted. They also feel that they are able to affect the progress of their own life and to reach for the matters, which are important to themselves. The young people mostly experience, that they get help if needed and they belong to a group or community which is important to themselves. In the municipal elections 2017 the turnout percentage in Espoo was 60,1 and in whole Finland 58,9.

Source: Statistics Finland and Ministry of Justice

CITY OF ESPOO - PERSONNEL



The City of Espoo is a large employer with around 14 500 employees. These professionals and experts of various fields work in three divisions and in the corporate group administration and services.

At the City there are many kinds of job titles. The City employs engineers, doctors, biologists, lawyers and planners in many different fields. The most common jobs are in early childhood education, teaching, as well as social services and health care.

Espoo employees are relatively well educated. The majority hold at least upper secondary qualifications and almost every third employee holds a higher academic degree.

	2018	2019
Permanent employees, %	81,0	80,9
Share of women, %	79,8	79,7
Average age (years)	44,5	44,5
Average time of employment in Espoo (years)	10,1	10,0
Higher academic degree, %	29,6	29,7
Employees with immigrant background, %	6,2	6,5



A city has many functions, but above all it is a community of its inhabitants and a place to live. Experiences, built environment and stories, memories, and images which are related to the places and intertwine and build the future of the city.