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Juha Kontio is a Doctor of Sciences in Economics and Business Administration. He received the M.Sc. degree in Computer Science from the University of Jyväskylä in 1991 and the D.Sc. degree in Information Systems from Turku School of Economics in 2004. He has worked in higher education since 1998 in various positions such as lecturer, principal lecturer, and degree programme manager. Since 2004 he has been Dean in three different Faculties at Turku University of Applied Sciences. At the moment he is Dean at the Faculty of Engineering and Business at Turku University of Applied Sciences. His current research interest is in higher education related topics such as faculty development, active learning and quality enhancement. He is the Co-director of the CDIO initiative and former co-leader of the European CDIO region.



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THOMAS is an experienced workforce and people development consultant with more than 20 years of experience. He leads the consultant team in advising and solution implementation for Workforce Transformation projects and Job-Redesign projects. Through working with technology partners, he introduced technology-enabled consultancy and helped a number of companies improve their business processes, plan for organisation development and value creation through customercentric focus as well as skills digitisation for people capability planning and development. At international level, Thomas consults actively for overseas governments on industry manpower and talent planning and TVET skills development as Associate Consultant and International Expert with the Asian Development Bank, World Bank, UNESCO and a Skill Consultant with the International Labour Organisation. He had delivered projects in China, Mongolia, Myanmar, Thailand, Palestine and Indonesia. As an Adult Educator, Thomas enjoys sharing of knowledge and skills. He volunteers as an Adult Educator Mentor where he coaches and mentors aspiring new adult educators to reach their full potential.



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