

## KNX competence for Finland

Members of the KNX national group successfully stand up for information and training

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The association of Finnish electrical installers STUL organises KNX basic courses for the electrical trade.

**With the award “KNX introduction in a new country”, three KNX project applicants shared the prize for the successful launch of the KNX system in Finland: Tampereen Ammattikorkeakoulu, Sähkö- ja teleurakoitsijaliitto and STUL ry/KNX Finland ry. The submitted project describes how Finland has been introduced to KNX applications through seminars, training courses, exhibitions and conferences. These activities were the basis for developing the KNX market in this Scandinavian country. The targeted activities were presented with the Publicity Award by the KNX jury.**

### Impetus for the building automation market

When the National Group of Finland was founded in 2008, the companies Tampereen Ammattikorkeakoulu, Sähkö- ja teleurakoitsijaliitto and STUL ry/KNX Finland ry were involved. At that time, there was no official KNX training centre or competent KNX experts in Finland and certainly no market for KNX

components. The system for home and building automation was generally unknown. Those that did choose this worldwide, standardised building automation system were directed to training courses abroad in another language or had to teach themselves about the installation of KNX system and ETS. Finnish electrical installers should have the opportunity to earn the KNX partner certification in their own language. The group set the following goals under the coordination of tutor Veijo Piikkilä: publishing the KNX handbook in Finnish, founding certified training schools and training Finnish certified KNX tutors. Collaboration with the association of Finnish electrical installers was also sought and proved to be very successful.

Their commitment has paid off: by the end of 2011, 600 handbooks were sold in Finnish and 16 basic courses had been held. More than 100 graduates were able to receive their certificate. Mean-

### Companies involved

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while there are seven trained KNX tutors and three KNX schools on offer. At a nationwide tour across Finland with a KNX introduction and trade fair appearances, there were over 300 participants. There is also basic information available in Finnish. An increase in activities is requested and the National Group of Finland has therefore set further goals for 2012. As a consequence of the development of competence in the market, people and companies involved, can count on a strong impetus across the entire supply chain of building automation, from manufacturers and suppliers of KNX products, to planning engineers and electrical installations to service organisations.



Training courses in the Tamk training centre