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Ms. Anu Halvari presently works at the Finnish National Board of Education, with responsibilities in devising national core curricula for Basic Education (ISCED 2) language learning, and Upper Secondary School Education (ISCED 3) on the whole, including languages. Her special professional interests lie in new pedagogies, and language education, assessment and digital skills. Her responsibilities in the Board of Education have also flung her to various projects or programs run by the European Commission and/or the Council of Europe, most of which have to do with language learning and/or digital skills.

Previously Ms. Halvari worked as a lecturer of English in an Upper Secondary School, involved in a number of projects on improving Upper Secondary School pedagogy. She started her professional career at the University of Jyväskylä as a research assistant and researcher on language testing. To date she still works with the two major governmental language testing organizations in Finland, namely the National Certificates of Language Proficiency (for adults in general), and the Matriculation Examination, an ISCED 3 level school leaving examination, which have given her insight into institutionalized language assessment, the development of testing systems, and hands-on marking of test-takers' papers.