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Within the Government, the **Ministry of Education and Culture** is responsible for developing education, science, cultural, sport youth policies, and international cooperation in these fields. The Minister of Education and Culture, Ms Sanni Grahn-Laasonen is responsible for matters covered by the Ministry of Education and Culture.

The mandate of the Ministry of Education and Culture covers:

1. day care, education, training and research;
2. the arts, culture, sport and youth work;
3. the archival, museum and public library systems;
4. the Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Orthodox Church and other religious communities;
5. student financial aid;
6. copyright.

Values of the Ministry of Education and Culture

The Ministry develops conditions for education, know-how, lifelong learning, creativity and citizens' social participation and well-being. The values underlying this vast sector are **civilisation, welfare, democracy and creativity**. Other important principles in the Ministry's operations are expertise, responsibility, openness and future-orientation.

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