Developments: Progress on digitalisation

EAEAs member in Ukraine, the Ukrainian Adult Education Association (""") has experienced a successful 2019, in which the situation of adult education has slightly improved. There have been important policy changes in the country, including a new policy on digitalisation and one on innovation, which specifically promotes online learning for children and youth.

The funding for adult education has stayed the same. Upskilling Pathways and the sustainable development goals have been implemented in some areas in Ukraine. The European Pillar of Social rights plays an important role for adult learning and education in Ukraine and EAEAs member was involved in a civil society consultation process. The report of the European Semester mirrors the organisation's experience of adult learning and education on the ground.

Challenges: Legal framework for adult education is needed

The adult education sector was significantly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. All of the adult education providers needed to transition to digital learning, which was not possible for some of the providers. The impacts of COVID on the work of the
organisation are still to manifest in the upcoming months. One of the major challenges to adult education in Ukraine is the lack of a legal framework. A legal foundation would not only enhance funding opportunities but also promote the recognition of adult learning in Ukraine, specifically in regard to non-formal and informal learning.