

# Developments: Deterioration in funding of adult education

The situation of adult education has slightly improved in Armenia during the last year. Some of the small changes include that many more adults got involved in startups and innovation related projects. The funding situation has dramatically deteriorated in the last year. Alongside low national funding, the Armenian Lifelong Learning League (ALLL) has applied to a range of international funds, but unfortunately without success. One of the central developments is that the Armenian government has announced the publication of a new adult education law. EAEEa member reported that civil society has an active role in Armenia and seeks to continue to make the voice of adult education and learning heard.

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## Challenges: New adult education law on the way

The adult education sector and the Armenian Lifelong learning League were significantly affected by the pandemic, as the majority of contracts were terminated. One of the challenges for the upcoming year will be raising public awareness of the COVID-19 situation and supporting providers to deliver their courses. Another challenge will be the creation of Adult Education centers in Armenian universities.

For the upcoming year, part of the focus in the sector will be on supporting the implementation of the adult education law. Raising awareness on the law and the

general importance of adult learning is important, in a country where adult education has not received recognition among the population. Therefore, the adult education sector in Armenia is raising awareness around EAEAs Adult Education Manifesto, which has been published in over three TV channels. Regardless of many financing and legal challenges, the adult education sector continues to promote adult learning across Armenia.

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