

# Bulgaria introduction

Throughout the recent months, Bulgaria has increased its participation in international projects on adult education, much of which has been funded by the Erasmus+ programme. However, the national strategies on the quality of education need further development. Adult education structures are not supported enough by the government, so depending on Erasmus funding for reforms, the learning needs of adults cannot be met sufficiently.

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## Recent developments in Bulgaria

In the past year, a few initiatives in Bulgaria were organised, aiming to create strategies for the validation of skills obtained through non-formal education. In addition, the EAEAs members in the country continue to work on strengthening the professional skills of adult educators, specifically focusing on their digital competences.

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## Links to EU and international policy in Bulgaria

Implementation of goal 4 of the SDGs, although not being explicitly present in national regulations, is on the agenda of numerous different stakeholders affiliated with education in Bulgaria. Particularly, EAEA members in the country are working on Youth

Education.

This year there has been an increase in Erasmus+ programme funds, which allowed the implementation of several adult education projects, giving our members more opportunities to work with adult educators on upgrading their competences.

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## Challenges and recommendations in Bulgaria

One of the main challenges of adult education in Bulgaria is to consolidate a national strategy on achievement of SDG 4. There is currently no clear and widely supported understanding of the strategy that can be implemented. In addition, there is a need to improve career counselling services through non-governmental providers.

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