

Insufficient Funding for adult learning in Republic of North Macedonia

In the context of RN Macedonia, there is an ongoing discussion about adult learning and education (ALE), and the opinions seem varied.

The representative from the Adult Education Centre in RN Macedonia has shared insights into the current state of ALE in the country. When it comes to the importance of ALE, it appears that policymakers hold a neutral stance, indicating that there might be room for further advocacy.

Public funding insufficient

In terms of policy changes and developments in ALE, there have been no significant shifts in the year 2022/2023, with the situation staying the same as the previous year.

A diverse range of funding sources is used to support ALE in RN Macedonia. Project funding, program funding, and operating grants are among the financing methods. However, it's worth noting that the Adult Education Centre believes that funding from public sources at the national/local level is insufficient. This, in turn, impacts the affordability of ALE for many individuals. Regarding European initiatives, RN Macedonia's awareness of the European Year of Skills and Erasmus+ mobility opportunities is limited, so is their capacity to get involved in these initiatives.

Learners and civil society

organisations are active and engaged

On the topic of learners and civil society organisations' participation in policy-making processes, the Adult Education Centre agrees that there are sufficient opportunities for them to express their views and concerns. It remains unclear whether the organisation has actively participated in consultations and advocacy activities in the past year, pointing towards a potential need for more engagement in these areas.

In summary, RN Macedonia presents a diverse landscape for ALE. While there is agreement on certain aspects, such as opportunities for learners and civil society, concerns about funding and engagement in European initiatives linger. Advocacy and addressing funding challenges may be essential steps in shaping the future of ALE in RN Macedonia.
