

# Developments: ALE is included in Economic Reform Programme

EAEAs member, Centre for Vocational Education and Training (CSO) states that the adult learning and education situation in Montenegro has practically remained the same with no major changes in policy or implementation. The funding situation has remained the same as well. In 2019, the government adopted a four-year National Plan for Adult Education (2019/2022). The plan draws on a range of recommendations from European policies, including Upskilling Pathways, the renewed Agenda for Adult Learning, the Strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training (ET 2020). ALE components are also included in Montenegro Economic Reform Programme for 2021-2023, so in theory adult learning is described as a unique part of education system, but in practise it is marginalised.

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## Challenges: ALE remains focused on vocational training and education

CSOs focus areas for 2022 will be media literacy, environmental heritage, civil democracy, and promotion of adult learning. CSO is advocating for a better

representation and visibility of adult learning and urges the government to include ALE in the national financial plan. Adult education remains focused on vocational training and education, while other areas are overlooked. According to our member organization, civil society is rarely consulted in design of ALE policies.

Currently, CSO is considering a plan to promote sustainability in its organisation and activities. They note that the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals varies a lot in the sector.

CSO is taking part in the activities of UNESCO CONFINTEA VII conference, but will not take part in the national delegation.

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