

# Developments: New Adult Education Strategy was Launched

The situation of adult education has slightly improved in Moldova. In 2019 Moldova developed a new strategy for adult education. The COVID-19 situation furthered the importance of the reform, as the government launched a range of online opportunities. Pro Didacta witnessed that adult education organisations became more active and involved in their network in the last year. The funding situation has also slightly improved. Furthermore, the internal capacity of the organisation increased, and projects received more support from international partners. On the path to align with global frameworks, some new initiatives to promote the Sustainable Development Goals were implemented. Moldova civil society is consulted to a certain extent in policy making.

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## Challenges: Lack of digital skills and funding

The COVID-19 pandemic significantly affected the adult education sector in Moldova. The crisis further showcased the lack of adequate policy in adult education and insufficient funding of the sector. During the pandemic, many programs were moved to operate online. However, not all programs were able to move online because of a general lack of

ICT skills and trainers. Providing ICT skills to all is one of the main challenges in Moldova, otherwise the country is left behind in the digital transformation.

Further challenges in the adult education sector are fostering vocational education and training and the implementation of more sustainable practices. In the next year Pro Didacta will develop and implement the National Strategy for Adult Education and further push for regulation and implementation of the existing policies. According to civil society, the government should further cooperate with stakeholders in decision making for adult education, improve the funding situation and enhance their commitment to educating adults across the country.

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