

# Ukraine introduction

Ukraine is setting high goals for its educational system in order to comply with the European standards and provide quality education available, and accessible to everyone. Recently, the Ukrainian government introduced education and science reforms, aiming to enhance school and university level education with digital and methodological innovations. In 2019 the state and civil actors have continued working on adult education.

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## Recent developments in the Ukraine

At the moment, the new Conception of Development of Adult Education in Ukraine for 2020-2022 regulation is being drafted, our member, the Ukrainian Adult Education Association, has played an active role in its formation. The Ukrainian government recognises the importance of adult education for building a society of civil engagement, social cohesion and political awareness, and so the new document is expected to unite the various actors in adult education, set a common agenda for all stakeholders, and provide adult education with a more stable place in Ukrainian education policy. The sector has already seen some positive changes, with more and more people showing their interest in learning as adults. In addition, the profession of andragogy has received national recognition, symbolising the shift in the status and value of adult educators.

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# Links to EU and international policy in the Ukraine

Even though the political situation in the country makes it rather challenging to implement sustainable social changes, the Ukraine does address SDGs to some extent. Integration in the European Area is on the states agenda, as such they are likely to adopt the European standards and regulations. EAEA member, the Ukrainian Adult Education Association, is working on the implementation of goal 4 through its projects and member support.

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## Challenges and recommendations in the Ukraine

The Ukrainian Adult Education Association has put forward an important suggestion for the future development of adult education in Ukraine. They support the development of a national adult education policy. The cornerstone of this policy will be determined by the Conception of Development of Adult Education in Ukraine for 2020-2022, but further steps can be taken while drafting Ukrainian Adult Education Act.

On an organisational level, our EAEA member will be working on:

- Providing advanced support to its members, adult education providers, as they are at the core of the reformation of Ukrainians educational system

- Taking part in the national decentralisation reform
  - Engaging in the Euro-integration processes in adult education.
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