

Civic Education Ukraine



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€2.0 million

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Funded by:
European Union

Country of Implementation:
Ukraine

Project is implemented by:
Consortium led by Cambridge Education Limited, UK

Key Project Partner and Beneficiary:
Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine

Other Project beneficiaries:

- Academy of Pedagogical Science
- 4 pilot oblasts (Kyiv, Kherson, Volyn and Vinnytsia) and 110 pilot schools

Project's Objectives and Tasks:

Overall objective:

To introduce civic education as a 'mandatory training' in secondary schools in Ukraine.

Specific objectives:

- Development of the national civic education curriculum;
- Introduction of training in civic education at pedagogical universities (PUs) and in-service teacher training institutions (ITTIs);
- Adaptation of materials for the education of children with special needs;
- Support for the activities of civic education teachers' associations and unions;
- Support for extra-curricular democracy-promoting activities.

Project's Facts and Figures:

- The Civic Education Ukraine project was a continuation of the EU-funded project on Education for Democracy, which ended in 2002.
- 65 national and 11 international experts were involved in the Project.
- The project comprised five components:
 - curriculum development;
 - teacher development;
 - extra-curricular activities;
 - special educational needs;
 - gender and social equality.

Project's achievements:

- Development of the national civic education curriculum:
 - Teacher Training Guide for pre- and in-service courses and Teacher's Resource Manual for classroom teachers with supporting CD-ROMs developed and published.
- Introduction of training in civic education at pedagogical universities (Pus) and in-service-teachers training institutions (ITTIs):
 - 72-hour pre-service and in-service teacher training programme approved and 8-hour in-service training module developed;
 - Workshops held for ITTI and PU trainers and lecturers to develop programmes and materials for a Teacher Training Guide (TTG).
- Adaptation of materials for the education of children with special needs:
 - Internal and external workshops held in pilot oblast ITTIs on inclusive education;
 - In-service 24-hour training module developed for ITTIs.
- Support for the activities of the Civic Education Teachers' Associations and Unions:
 - Websites to support teacher associations created and/or enhanced (www.teachers.in.ua; www.usha.org.ua; www.novadoba.org.ua; www.teachers.org.ua; www.gromadosvita.org.ua); publications, activities, conferences supported;
 - A group of 60 Teachers' Associations members and students went on a project-supported study visit to Germany in October 2007.
- Support for extra-curricular democracy-promoting activities:
 - Workshops held on project work and election-related activities; comprehensive training materials developed, piloted and revised;
 - Funding of 22 project activities developed by pilot schools;
 - Democratic School workshops held;
 - Online teacher's forum established.

More information about the Project: <http://www.civiced.org.ua>

"This project targeted on comprehensive introduction of the civic education subject in Ukrainian secondary schools by means of elaboration of new curricula, teacher trainings, development of manuals, and involvement of pupils with special needs. This project was implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Education with close involvement of educational NGOs."

Pavlo Poliansky, Deputy Minister of Education and Science of Ukraine

Project's Objectives and Tasks:

Overall objective:

To bring Ukraine's vocational education and training (VET) system in line with social, economic and labour market needs, in terms of structure and content.

Specific objectives:

- Development and implementation of a strategy of decentralisation of VET governance, management and administration;
- Development and establishment of a management information system for VET;
- Development of a national funding and quality assurance system in support of the decentralisation of VET;
- Improvement of training provision in the agricultural sector;
- Preparation of a draft National Qualification Framework.

Project's Achievements:

- Management Information System (MIS):
 - MIS is developed, tested and launched. MIS will work at regional and national level and will help to prepare materials for VET policy development by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine (MoES);
 - Data from all VET schools of all the pilot regions (262 VET schools out of 921 VET schools all over Ukraine) on financing, assets, human resources, quality assurance as well as the basic VET school information entered into the system;
 - Six information-analytical centres founded and established in the methodological centres of the pilot regions;
 - A study tour on international experience in MIS to Germany and France took place in March 2007;
 - 7 trainings for 74 participants delivered;
 - Strategy of developed MIS' full scale roll-out to other regions of Ukraine developed and submitted to the Beneficiary.
- Decentralised School Management:
 - Proposals to a new draft Law on VET developed and presented to the MoES;
 - A study tour on Decentralized School Management to Germany organized;
 - Policy papers on VET system decentralization developed and submitted to the MoES;
 - Recommendations for Establishment of a System of Co-operation with the Social Partners in the VET Sphere prepared;
 - A Strategy for the Development of VET through Main Elements of VET System Decentralisation (2009-2015) developed;
 - A glossary of essential terms in the VET sphere compiled;
 - Training on VET school management delivered for school principals, methodologists and representatives of the social partners.
- National funding and quality assurance mechanisms:
 - Methodical recommendations on quality assurance system for VET Schools developed;
 - Workshops in using new internal and external procedures for the VET school assessment delivered;
 - Methodological guidelines and mechanisms for VET school per-unit teaching costs calculation developed;
 - Manual for using an alternative VET funding system developed;
 - Draft legal regulations on VET financing and management, and proposals on drafting new legislative framework for the VET system of Ukraine based on comparative analysis of legal frameworks of Ukraine and selected EU Member States developed.
- Training provision in agricultural sector:
 - 23 trainings for 902 participants on practical training on modern agricultural machinery; interactive training and teaching methods; preparation of electronic teaching and learning aids delivered;
 - 4 case studies for agricultural VET developed, tested and distributed among the VET institutions of 2 pilot regions;
 - Support to establishment of 2 agricultural practical training centres in Lysjanka and Rogi/Potasch rendered;
 - With a view of assisting to the development of rural regions, the occupational standard for "Green tourism operator" developed;
 - New teaching and learning aids developed and tested in practice;
 - 2 Standards (gardening, laboratory assistant) on the basis of learning outcomes developed;
 - A draft agriculture sector VET reform strategy prepared.
- Proposals on National Qualification Framework development in Ukraine rendered.

"Thanks to this project we are actively improving our approach towards professional and technical education and implementing various curricula, approximating them to European standards."

Olena Hurska, Director of Dnipropetrovsk technical school No. 55

Strengthening Regional VET Management in Ukraine



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Ukraine

Project is implemented by:
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Key Project Partner and Beneficiary:
Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine

Other project beneficiaries:

- Education authorities at national, regional and local (school) levels
- Training providers in Kyiv, Lviv, Dnipropetrovsk, Cherkasy, Kharkiv regions, and AR of Crimea
- Regional Analytical Information Centres of VET in the pilot oblasts