

EU4Skills

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EU4Skills is a multidonor-action of the European Union (EU) and its member states Germany, Finland and Poland

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➔ Objectives

EU4Skills supports the reform of Vocational Education and Training (VET) in Ukraine. The aim is to make training more responsive to the labour market needs and help young people and adults to live up to their potential.

The programme has three main objectives:

- 1** To enhance the effectiveness of VET reforms in Ukraine;
- 2** To improve the quality and attractiveness of VET and to increase its relevance to the labour market;
- 3** To modernise the infrastructure and equipment in selected schools.

➔ Challenges

Vocational Education and Training (VET) is one of the important reform areas implemented by the Government of Ukraine. In order to succeed with this ambitious reform, the Ministry of Education and Science developed a reform concept, which serves as a basis for the reform implementation till 2028.

The reform concept highlights the decentralisation process as crucial for the reform to clearly define the distribution of powers in management and funding. The reformed governance system should help schools to improve the quality and attractiveness of training and to modernise their infrastructure. Partnership with employers plays a key role in the reform implementation. Their engagement is essential to make VET demand-driven and responsive to labour market needs.

EU4Skills supports the reform implementation on the national level and in 7 focus regions. The goal is to create an effective system of VET to contribute to the economic prosperity of the country and the self-realisation of young people and adults.

➔ Activities

In order to reach its objectives, EU4Skills implements measures on the national level and in the focus regions Chernivtsi, Lviv, Mykolaiv, Poltava, Rivne, Vinnytsia and Zaporizhzhia:

Firstly, EU4Skills supports the development of a relevant sector strategy, which should help the Ministry of Education and Science to coordinate the reform in collaboration with other key stakeholders. The strategy will help the Ministry to establish effective forms of coordination and funding and to reach out to the public.

Secondly, EU4Skills assists in the introduction of a quality competence-based training and assessment system. The activities include the establishment of processes for standards and curricula development and training of school managers, teachers and assessors in selected schools. In this way, modern forms of teaching and learning will be introduced to improve the quality and relevance of training.

Thirdly, EU4Skills supports selected schools in the focus regions to modernise the infrastructure and equipment. These measures will create the basis for turning schools into high quality hubs for learning, from which young people, adults and the local economy will benefit.

Finally, EU4Skills shares the best practice of the reform to enable the countrywide replication. In this way, VET will be promoted as a promising learning and career path valued by society.