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LIFELONG LEARNING AS A DRIVER FOR POST-WAR DEVELOPMENT IN POLTAVA-REGION / UKRAINE

15 NOVEMBER 2023

Workshop & Roundtable Discussion

Venue:

Poltava Art Museum named after Mykola Yaroshenko (Evropeyska str. 5)

Objectives of the event:

1. Get acquainted with the European experience of strengthening the field of lifelong learning in communities and examples of successful cooperation between the civic society and local authorities.
2. Identify best practices and solutions for strengthening the relationship between lifelong learning and attractiveness of a local/regional economy.
3. To highlight the role of human resources development in the context of the post-war recovery and reconstruction.
4. To identify/review prospective sources of funding for adult education.
5. Generate ideas for promoting the culture of lifelong learning among community residents.

Participants:

Deputies of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (members of the National Parliament), representatives of local self-government bodies, municipal decision makers, civil society representatives, representatives of the academia and private sector, international experts. Up to 35-40 people in total.

Working languages:

Ukrainian and English (*with simultaneous interpretation*)

AGENDA

Workshop

09.15 *Registration of participants / Welcoming coffee*

Moderator: Taras Tymchuk

10.00 Opening of the event. Welcoming words

Kateryna Yamshchikova, the Secretary of the Poltava City Council

Oleksiy Ustenko, Dmytro Nalyotov, people's deputies of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Oleksiy Nestulia, Doctor in History, professor, laureate of the State Prize in the field of science and technology, Honoured Worker of Public Education of Ukraine, rector of the Poltava University of Economics and Trade

Presentation by **Levan Kvatchadze**, DVV International, Regional Director 'Eastern Neighbours', Republic of Moldova, Ukraine, Regional project

10.30 Work in thematic mixed groups:

- **What mechanisms in the adult education / lifelong learning sector work well and should be taken with us into the future?** (10.30-11.00)
- **What mechanisms work poorly and need to be corrected?** (11.00-11.30)
- **What mechanisms need to be created from scratch?** (11.30-12.00)
- **Challenges in the context of post-war recovery.** (12.00-12.30)

12.30 *Lunch break*

Continuation in a hybrid-mode

LIFELONG LEARNING TO BUILD RESILIENCE AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL:

EXPERIENCES FROM ACROSS EUROPE

Roundtable discussion

Moderator: Taras Tymchuk

13.30 (12.30 CET) Introduction & Presentation of the results of thematic groups' work

14.00 (13.00 CET) Input: Importance of non-formal learning for adults and respective local policies / programmes for its promotion – by **Siria Taurelli**, Senior Human Capital Development Expert, European Training Foundation (ETF)

14.20 (13.20 CET) Input: Guidance Policies in Baden-Württemberg – by **Andrea Bernert-Bürkle**, Head of EU-Projects at *Volkshochschulverband Baden-Württemberg* (Association of Adult Education Centres of the State *Baden-Württemberg*)

- 14.40 (13.40 CET) Input: Cooperation between Providers of Adult Learning and Education and Labour Market in Borås, Sweden – by **Tina Lundell**, Head of Working Life Department, Borås Municipality
- 15.00 (14.00 CET) Panel Discussion
- 15.45 (14.45 CET) Summing up. Reflection. Next steps.
- 16.00 – 16.45 (15.00 CET) Closure of the event. / *Informal exchange and farewell coffee.*

Brief information on selected actors

ORGANISERS and PARTNERS:

European Training Foundation (ETF)

The European Training Foundation is the EU's agency supporting countries surrounding the European Union to reform their education, training and labour market systems.

The ETF's unique role is based on the expertise of its staff, and experience gained over nearly 30 years of working hand-in-hand with government, business, and social partners in countries in and around the EU's neighbouring regions. ETF's aim is to support each country's own process for education, training, and labour market reform, with a range of evidence-based methodologies.

The ETF has a staff of 130 and a budget of approximately EUR 20 million per year. The ETF is based in Villa Gualino, in Turin, Italy, which has been its home since we became operational in 1994.

DVV International

DVV International is the Institute for International Cooperation of the *Deutscher Volkshochschul-Verband e.V.* (DVV), the German Adult Education Association. DVV represents the interests of the approximately 900 adult education centres (*VHS*) and their state associations, the largest further education providers in Germany.

As the leading professional organisation in the field of adult education and development cooperation, DVV International has committed itself to supporting lifelong learning for more than 50 years. DVV International provides worldwide (currently in ca. 30 countries) support for the establishment and development of sustainable structures for Youth and Adult Education.

DVV International finances its work through funds from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the German Federal Foreign Office, the European Union, as well as other donors. In concert with national, regional and global adult education associations, DVV International promotes lobby work and advocacy for the human right to education and for lifelong learning. To achieve this, we orient ourselves on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the global education agenda Education 2030 and the UNESCO World Conference on Adult Education (CONFINTEA).

DVV International has been working in Ukraine since 2010. The Country Representative Office of the organisation is located in Kyiv.

EARLALL



European Association of Regional & Local Authorities for Lifelong Learning (EARLALL) is a Brussels-based network of regions aiming to contribute to EU policy-making and cooperate in projects in the field of lifelong learning. There are 17 members, 12 regions and 5 associate from across Europe. Based on the unique strengths of every region and local authority, EARLALL facilitates regional collaborations and partnerships, as well as an open and rapid exchange of knowledge in a context of trust and confidence.

The network was established in 2001 under the initiative of regional governments willing to build a solid cooperation in the field of lifelong learning. Indeed, EARLALL believes that regions and local authorities have a privileged role in designing and implementing strategies related to it, since they are in direct contact with educational institutions, the business environment and, most notably, citizens. It works through joint initiatives and European projects, in addition to four thematic working groups: Lifelong Guidance and Ageing Societies; Youth Policies; Mobility and Skills and the Labour Market.

VHS Baden-Württemberg



The Baden-Württemberg Adult Education Association (VHS Baden-Württemberg) is the professional association representing the interests of the 162 adult education centres in the state, with almost 650 branch offices. The Adult Education Centres are the largest providers of continuing education for the general public. Baden-Württemberg is a member of the EARLALL Network.

Borås Municipality (City of Borås)



Borås Municipality (City of Borås) is an associate member at EARLALL. The municipality has a special interest in upskilling and reskilling pathways for employees and the unemployed, and supports the collaboration between VET providers and companies. Adult Education Borås offers programs in specific fields where there is an explicit competence demand, such as textile or e-Commerce. Borås Municipality (City of Borås) is an associate member of the EARLALL Network.

NGO Adult Education Center (AEC) of Poltava region

The organisation was established in February 2018. The Center promotes values of an open democratic modern society through educational, scientific, cultural activities in close cooperation with the Poltava University of Economics and Trade. It conducts regular studies of the educational needs of the adult population in the city of Poltava to regularly update the content of training courses. This approach allows the Center to quickly identify and develop new short-term and long-term educational programmes.

Over the years of activity the organization has provided educational services to more than 6,400 beneficiaries. Special attention is paid to socially vulnerable groups of citizens, in particular: internally displaced persons, elderly, women in crisis life circumstances, unemployed, former convicts, war veterans and their family members, people with disabilities, low-income families and large families with many children, etc.

The Center actively cooperates with state authorities, local governments, other civil society and charitable organizations, business representatives, and veteran organizations.

Poltava University of Economics and Trade (PUET)

Poltava University of Economics and Trade was founded in 1961 by the consumer cooperative system of Ukraine. During sixty two years more than 110,000 specialists have graduated from the university. Today graduates work in various sectors of the economy of Ukraine and 17 countries of the world, including Germany, Italy, France, Poland, Hungary, Portugal, Spain, Great Britain, the USA, Canada, and others. The University prepares specialists in 55 bachelor's and master's degree programmes accredited by the "National Agency for Quality Assurance of Education of Ukraine" and 2 PhD programmes.

PUET steadily implements the UN Sustainable Development Goals, in particular, the Goal 4: Ensuring inclusive and equitable quality education and promoting lifelong learning opportunities for all.

Along with formal education the University has shaped an environment for the development of the non-formal education sector. The University provides support for PUET Small Academy, Academy of Robotics, Poltava Regional School of Student Self-Government Leaders, School of Debates - for students of secondary schools of the region, Adult Education Center of Poltava (partially supported by DVV International in Ukraine). The Third Age University for seniors has been operating since 2018.

According to the results of the study published in the [Webometrics Ranking of World's Universities July 2023 \(Edition 2023.2.0\)](#), PUET ranked 51st in the all-Ukrainian ranking and is the leader among Universities in Poltava city, in the region and among private institutions of higher education in Ukraine.