



## All Ukrainian forum on adult learning and education

### All Ukrainian forum on ALE (ALE-Advocacy event)

**Where:** Mykolaiv, the city – winner of the competition for an ALE capital of Ukraine in 2023

**Dates:** 10– 11.10.2024

**Format:** hybrid – offline/online

**Venue:** Youth Center “Khvylja”, Mykolaiv

### 1. Problem statement/context

Questions of the incompatibility of education to the requirements of the times were raised before the start of a full-scale war. However, today high-quality human capital and retraining under the challenges of time, and strong civic and life skills are the guarantee of our resilience. The war has affected every person and every community in Ukraine, and which is accompanied by new challenges: migration processes both within the country and abroad, significant destruction of the material and social infrastructure of communities, the inclusion of almost the entire population in voluntary, social activities that help mitigate the consequences of the war and win. Millions of people were forced to leave their jobs, businesses, professional plans and learn new skills in the fields of medicine, civil defense, military art, remote work technologies to restore the economy.

The effort of key stakeholders to create legislative support for adult learning and education continues despite Russia's war against Ukraine. In January 2023 the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine adopted the draft law "On Adult Education" in the first reading. The Law is designed to streamline the field of adult education in Ukraine, ensure its effective financing, and create a legislative basis for the functioning of adult education institutions. More than a thousand amendments have been submitted to the draft law. These amendments will be considered by the Committee on Science, Education, and Innovation before the document is sent to a vote for adoption. The final adoption of the draft law will allow every person to retrain or attain new skills.

The role of communities is important, and first, they need support, resources, and clear regulation. Communities all over Ukraine have accepted many internally displaced people and must provide them with living conditions and work. In addition, they are restoring the destroyed infrastructure, and are looking for opportunities for the development of the community today and are already thinking about reconstruction after the war. Therefore, the voices of communities should be sounded in lobbying for the law.

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The DVV International project's cities (Lviv and Sumy) were announced as members of the UNESCO Global Network of Learning Cities in February 2024. We call on all 9 cities of Ukraine that joined the network to become active partners and to support and accelerate local authorities' and citizens' engagement in democratic dialogue to foster the adoption of the Law on ALE.

We will also promote the UNESCO Learning Cities concept, which allows to increase the role of LLL and networking between CSOs and local administrations (LAs) (and other stakeholders) for local sustainable development.

## 2. Desired change and goal

To network Learning cities and CSOs of other Ukrainian cities to promote policy dialogue and peer learning among cities, forge links, and develop instruments to encourage LA and citizens to support the promotion of the national ALE Law.

Tasks:

- Expand the network of ALE providers who support the national Law on ALE and contribute to the lobbying process.
- Exchange the views on the role of ALE in nowadays and post-war reconstruction, and restoration of Ukraine, and convey duties, powers, and responsibilities between the state, communities, and citizens.
- Work out effective dialogue instruments for the relevant stakeholders aiming to engage LAs and citizens in democratic dialog and raise citizen's voices.
- Identify the mechanisms of popularization and implementation of the national Law on ALE.
- Share cases and experience on implementing ALE in 2023 by Learning Cities and identify best practices and solutions for the development of the community.
- Generate ideas for promoting a culture of lifelong learning among community residents to raise awareness.

Expected results:

- Gain a better understanding of the current context and challenges that various communities face in ALE promotion on a local level.
- Reflect on the gaps, weaknesses, and strengths in ALE in terms of the legislative level to the level of practical implementation to lobby for changes at different levels.
- Gain more supporters who understand the value of the law on ALE and the importance of passing it.
- Memorandum on joint actions to lobby for the law on ALE.
- Elaborated strategy of promoting the national Law on ALE on local and national levels.

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### 3. Target audience

- communities that participated in the contest of the capital of ALE,
- other communities of Ukraine,
- Learning cities of Ukraine,
- civil society organizations that implement educational programs for adults,
- representatives of local authorities

### PROGRAM

<b>09.10.2024</b>	<b>Check-in</b> <i>(hotel Continent)</i>
19.00	Dinner
<b>10.10.2024</b>	<b>All Ukrainian forum on ALE</b> <i>Day 1</i>
08.00	Breakfast at the hotel
08.30	Registration
09.00	Welcoming word:  Oleksandr Syenkevych Mykolaiv city mayor  Levan Kvatchadze Regional Director for Ukraine and Moldova  Siria Taurelli Senior Human Capital Development Expert, European Training Foundation (ETF)  Viktor Sikalenko Public organization «Center of Adult Learning and Education “South” »
09.20	Presentation of ALE capital of Ukraine in 2023 Viktor Sikalenko Public organization «Center of Adult Learning and Education “South” »

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- 09.40 Cases on implementing ALE in 2023-2024 by Learning Cities. Best practices and solutions for the development of the community.
- Alla Yanytska, Head of the Department of Family, Youth and Out-of-School Education of the Humanitarian Policy Department of the Nikopol City Council.
  - Ksenia Pyvovarska, project manager, trainer, Adult Education Center of Poltava Oblast
- 10.15 Coffee break
- 10.30 EU Agenda 2030 on ALE policy  
Siria Taurelli, Senior Human Capital Development Expert, European Training Foundation (ETF)
- 10.45 Belfast & Derry: Learning Cities in Northern Ireland  
Frank Hennessey, Education Consultant: Education Policy & Curriculum Planning
- 11.05 Welcoming address by the Mayor's office of Hanover  
German experience presented by
- Geiselmann, vhs Hannover
  - Dr. Henning Marquardt & Oksana Janzen, Agency for Adult Education of the Federal State of Lower Saxony
- 12.00 Signe Højsteen, political advisor, Danish Adult Education Association
- 12.30 Cases on implementing ALE in 2023-2024 by Learning Cities. Best practices and solutions for the development of the community.
- Tetyana Odnorog, head of the board of the public union "Social Enterprise "Adult Education Center "Pershiy", Zaporizhzhia
- 12.45 Lunch
- 13.45 Report/presentation on the Project Law on ALE; Q&A  
Oleg Smirnov  
DVV International in Ukraine

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- 14.00 Approaches, tools, and needs for implementing ALE advocacy locally and nationally. Work in groups by cities/regions. Presentation of group results. Discussion.
- 15.30 Coffee break
- 16.00 Visit to local ALE providers. Pottery workshop.
- 18.00 Dinner

**11.10.2024** **All Ukrainian forum on ALE**  
*Day 2*

- 08:00 Breakfast at the hotel
- 09.00 Development of an adult education advocacy strategy project at the local and national levels: stakeholders, messages, events.
- 10.40 Summing up. Reflection. Next steps.
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.15 Visit to local ALE providers. Sewing workshop.
- 13.00 Lunch

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## Brief information on actors

### ORGANISERS and PARTNERS:

#### 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

#### 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 labor market systems.

The ETF's unique role is based on the expertise of its staff, and experience gained over nearly 30 years of

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working hand-in-hand with government, business, and social partners in countries in and around the EU's neighboring 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.

### **Public union «Ukrainian Adult Education Association»**



The purpose of the Association is the establishment and the development of adult education in Ukraine, and the formation of a lifelong learning society education.

Main tasks: participation in forming the policy of adult education and the policy of lifelong learning education in Ukraine, including the drafting of legislative acts; the participation in the drafting of state concepts and adult education strategies in Ukraine and its implementation; providing advisory and methodical assistance in matters of adult education to association members and to other organizations and institutions; strengthening and improving the process of training highly qualified specialists for the adult education system; implementation of science, research, informational, and educational activities.

During the Annual Conference of the European Association for the Education of Adults On June 24-28, 2016 in Brussels (Belgium), the Public Union "Ukrainian Adult Education Association" became an official ordinary member of the European Association for the Education of Adults.

### **Non-governmental organization "Center for Adult Learning and Education "South"**



Since 2014, the organization has been developing the potential of communities through educational and artistic events. The team participates in the development of methodological textbooks, educational programs, and courses, in the development of basic strategic documents for the improvement of

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educational services for adults of various target, and gender groups in the community.

The team also has experience in developing targeted programs for the development of youth policy, sports, medicine, and education throughout life.

The organization creates youth councils, centers, children's media centers, and training studios of the Adult Education Center in rural and urban territorial communities of Mykolaiv region and cooperates with many local and international partners (UNDP, DVV International, Chemonics International, GIZ, Mykolaiv Development Agency, communities of Mykolaiv, Kherson, Odesa regions, etc.).

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