

Popularisation of the use of the Adult learning platform in Europe (EPALE)

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

PRACTICAL MEASURE/INITIATIVE

 POLAND

Timeline

2022 Implementation

2023 Implementation

2024 Implementation

2025 Implementation

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Background

The European EPALE platform is a place where adult educators and trainers can find inspiration, suggestions for new teaching methods and ways to motivate adults to learn.

The EPALE community is made up of people who want to develop their professional competences, conduct discussions, share experience, and talk about the context of their work. They are people who are looking for new solutions and are willing to make contact with other educators in Poland and Europe. The platform is open to the public and its use is free.

Objectives

- (a) Improving the quality of adult learning in Europe by internationalising adult learning and training organisations, including VET, and the professional development of their staff.
- (b) Building communities of practice in various fields of adult learning, including vocational education and training, and between all stakeholders such as teachers and policy makers.
- (c) Facilitating the creation and sharing of (open) educational resources that can be used in adult learning, including the use of new technologies in vocational education and training.
- (d) Supporting strategies and actions to increase adult participation in adult learning, including vocational education and training.
- (e) Increasing knowledge and awareness of the importance of adult learning, including vocational education and training.
- (f) Providing networking opportunities for people interested in adult learning to develop and implement joint projects or other activities (e.g. job shadowing, exchange of good practices), including with the support of Erasmus+ funding.

Description

In Poland, the activities of the EPALE platform are the responsibility of the Foundation for the Development of the Education System, commissioned by the education ministry.

The European EPALE platform has been operational since October 2014. From the beginning, it has been available in Polish. The EPALE national office's new contract for implementing the project covered January 2025 to the end of 2026, while the previous contract ran from April 2022 to the end of 2024.

2022 Implementation

In 2022, EPALE was mainly promoted online in Poland and through numerous events organised by the EPALE national office, such as the seventh Adult Education Forum, live chats, workshops and online webinars on topics related to adult education.

2023 Implementation

The 16 ambassadors were selected by the Polish national support service (NSS) to represent a variety of sectors related to adult and VET education in Poland. Their role is to provide support for the development of the platform, promote EPALE among adult education stakeholders, demonstrate the functionality of the platform, encourage registration, and create and source content.

EPALE plays a pivotal role in organising a plethora of events for users of the aforementioned platform. The events address a range of subjects of significance to the VET sector. Events are provided free of charge and are accessible to registered users. Furthermore, the meetings provide an opportunity to engage with experts in the field and establish direct contact with, for instance, authors of publications featured on the platform. Additionally, VET educators are invited to participate as speakers at events, where they have the opportunity to showcase their accomplishments and exemplary practices.

In 2023, the NSS organised eight events, which were attended by a total of 805 participants.

2024 Implementation

The Polish version of EPALE had 13 030 users (as of 30 June 2024). It has consistently been one of the most visited countries on the platform in recent years, with over 100 000 unique visitors per year. Since the launch of EPALE, the Polish national support service (NSS) has published over 8 000 content items, including blog posts, news articles, resources, and events, created by Polish users.

2025 Implementation

The Polish National Support Service (NSS) selected sixteen new ambassadors to represent a variety of sectors related to adult and vocational education in Poland. EPALE continued organising different events and activities.

In 2025, the NSS organised four events (two seminars and two webinars), which 328 participants attended.

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Bodies responsible

- Ministry of Education and Science (from 2021 until 2024)
- Ministry of National Education
- Foundation for the Development of the Education System (FRSE)

Target group

Education professionals

Teachers
Trainers
School leaders
Adult educators
Guidance practitioners

Entities providing VET

VET providers (all kinds)

Other stakeholders

Social partners (employer organisations and trade unions)

Thematic categories

Modernising VET offer and delivery

Developing and updating learning resources and materials

Teachers, trainers and school leaders competences

Attractiveness of the teaching and training profession/career

Supporting lifelong learning culture and increasing participation

Permeability between IVET and CVET and general and vocational pathways, academic and professional higher education

Lifelong guidance

European priorities in VET

VET Recommendation

VET as an attractive choice based on modern and digitalised provision of training and skills

Osnabrück Declaration

Establishing a new lifelong learning culture - relevance of continuing VET and digitalisation

Subsystem

IVET CVET

Further reading

[Brief description of the EPALE platform](#)

[EPALE platform leaflet](#)

Related policy developments

Vocational education and training action plan for 2022-25

The action plan includes the following five specific measures:

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Type of development

Strategy/Action
plan

Subsystem

IVET CVET

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