

Setting up the Ministry of Education and Science

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

REGULATION/LEGISLATION

 POLAND

Timeline

2020 Approved/Agreed

ID number 39753

Background

Until 2020, education, higher education and science were managed by two distinct ministries. The decision of the Prime Minister to merge the Ministry of National Education and the Ministry of Science and Higher Education was one of the reorganising actions taken to improve the management of ministries.

Objectives

The Ministry of Education and Science was established to improve the functioning of the government and to consolidate tasks relating to education, higher education and science within one institution.

Description

On 17 December 2020, a Regulation of the Council of Ministers set up the Ministry of Education and Science after merging the Ministry of National Education and the Ministry of Science and Higher Education. On 1 January 2021, the new ministry started to operate. The Minister for Education and Science was appointed, with responsibility for directing the Departments of Education (including VET), Higher Education and Science.

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The Regulation of the Council of Ministers on the establishment of the Ministry of Education and Science and the abolition of the Ministry of National Education and the Ministry of Science and Higher Education was approved on 17 December 2020.

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Bodies responsible

- Ministry of National Education

Target group

Other

Policy makers

Thematic categories

Governance of VET and lifelong learning

Coordinating VET and other policies

Subsystem

IVET CVET

Further reading

[Regulation of the Prime Minister of 20 October 2020 on the detailed scope of activities of the Minister for Education and Science \(Journal of Laws 2020, item 1848\)](#)

[Regulation of the Prime Minister of 21 December 2020 amending the Regulation on the detailed scope of activities of the Minister for Education and Science \(Journal of Laws 2020, item 2335\)](#)

[Regulation of the Council of Ministers of 17 December 2020 on the establishment of the Ministry of Education and Science and the abolition of the Ministry of National Education and the Ministry of Science and Higher Education \(Journal of Laws 2020, item 2\)](#)

Related policy developments

2024 Discontinued

Appointment of the Government Plenipotentiary for Development and Internationalisation of Education and Science

In April 2022 the Government Plenipotentiary for Development and Internationalisation of Education and Science was appointed by the Council of Ministers. The plenipotentiary is the Secretary of State in the Ministry of Education and Science.

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