

The OECD's Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competences (PIAAC)

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

REGULATION/LEGISLATION

 HUNGARY

Timeline



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Background

Hungary, as other countries, faces challenges: competitiveness in the global economy, the need to keep its labour market flexibility to meet new and changing demands, how to improve employability and how to deal effectively with the challenges which affect an ageing society. PIAAC surveys improve understanding of how education and training can help develop the basic skills of adults through the collection of good quality data from participating countries that can be used by decision-makers to organise programmes with more efficiency.

Objectives

Participation in the survey aims to support policies on how best to align the skills of the workforce, increase motivation and labour market capacity and explore best national and international practice and labour market processes.

Description

Starting in 2015, PIAAC, directed by OECD, measured the proficiency in key skills (literacy, numeracy and problem solving) of those aged 16-65; it used direct data collection on the basis of a representative sample in a ten-year cycle.

In Hungary, the realisation of the first wave of the survey started on 3 September 2015 and the results became public in November 2019. The implementing body is NOVETAL (National Office for VET and Adult Learning) in cooperation with the Central Statistical Office and Ministry of Finance.

2015 Implementation

2019 Implementation

Hungary has joined the second wave of the survey; the data collection, preparation for which started in 2019, is planned to be finished by the end of 2024.

2020 Implementation

Based on a government Decision in 2020, the project was supplemented with a professional task within the second cycle of the PIAAC survey.

The OECD sent a circular to all countries participating in PIAAC stating that due to COVID-19, different security measures may have an impact on the planned timeline for 2020. Based on the decision of the PIAAC Board of participating countries (BPC), OECD extended, by an additional twelve months, the completion of the tasks foreseen in the second cycle of the survey.

2021 Implementation

PIAAC Cycle 2: the field survey for PIAAC was successfully implemented. Based on the feedback from the International Consortium, more than 1 700 full-length interviews were collected.

2022 Implementation

The implementation of the main measurement of Cycle 2 of PIAAC was underway (deadline: 31 March 2023)

On 1 September 2022, the PIAAC data collection started. The related data management and control tasks and negotiations with the Central Statistics Office (KSH) were completed

In December, the monthly quality assurance call of the international consortium took place, for which the project submitted the necessary reports. The agenda of the Consortium Operative Group (KOCs) meeting of 16 December 2022 included the following:

- (a) progress of the PIAAC Cycle 2 main measurement data collection;
- (b) extension of the data collection period till 15 February 2023;
- (c) state of the response rate;
- (d) report on the previous quality assurance call;
- (e) report on the online meeting of national project managers.

The amendment allowing for the extension of the Cycle 2 completion until 30 June 2023 was published on 12 December 2022.

2023 Implementation

As part of the GINOP-6.2.1-VEKOP-15 PIAAC project, domestic activities related to PIAAC were implemented from 31 March 2020 to 31 July 2023. Between 1 September 2022 and 30 June 2023, the main survey for PIAAC Cycle 2 (PIAAC CY2) was conducted. During this period, data collection for the survey was completed. The project also included data management and quality control tasks, such as coding, database cleaning, documentation, and preparing the Sample Design International File (SDIF) required for the submission of the main survey database. On 22 May 2023, the main survey database and its associated documentation were submitted to the international consortium.

2024 Implementation

Support for national PIAAC tasks continued under the GINOP Plus 5.2.1-23 project. Key activities included:

- (a) Submission of key data and analyses to the international consortium (March 2024);

- (b) Collaboration with the international consortium on data quality and analysis, leading to the final submission of comments (June 2024);
- (c) Review and finalisation of non-response bias analysis, incorporating feedback from the Hungarian Central Statistical Office (July 2024);
- (d) Participation in the 9th meeting of national project managers and subsequent international data analysis training (August 2024);
- (e) Final submission of comments on the main measurement database to the international consortium, with resolution of outstanding data issues (September 2024).

Bodies responsible

- National Office for Vocational Education and Training and Adult Learning (NOVETAL)
- Ministry of Finance
- Hungarian Central Statistical Office

Target group

Other

Working age population (16-65 years old)

Thematic categories

Modernising VET offer and delivery

Acquiring key competences

Supporting lifelong learning culture and increasing participation

Providing for individuals' re- and upskilling needs

Lifelong guidance

Ensuring equal opportunities and inclusiveness in education and training

Subsystem

CVET

Further reading

[PIAAC](#)

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