

Vocational education regional congresses

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

PRACTICAL MEASURE/INITIATIVE

 POLAND

Timeline

2019 Completed

ID number 29954

Background

In November 2018, significant changes in Poland's VET system were introduced, with many of them entering into force in September 2019.

Objectives

The key objective of the congresses was to disseminate information about the VET reforms introduced at the end of the previous year. Further, the events were aimed at promoting and showing the potential of regional VET schools, as well as supporting cooperation between schools and employers and identifying employers who successfully cooperate with schools.

Description

16 regional congresses dedicated to vocational education were organised in all regions of Poland in March and April 2019. During the meetings, VET reforms (entering into force in September 2019) were presented. The congresses also served as a forum to promote VET schools and support cooperation between schools and employers. Many employers were identified for their successful cooperation with schools and many cooperation agreements between schools and employers were signed during the congresses. Different VET stakeholders participated in the meetings, including central, regional and local authorities, VET school directors and teachers, employers, representatives of regional labour councils and crafts organisations.

2019 Completed

The action was implemented and completed in 2019.

Bodies responsible

- Ministry of National Education (until 2021)
- Regional Education Authorities (Kuratoria Oświaty)
- Regional Governors (Wojewodowie)

Target group

Education professionals

School leaders

Entities providing VET

Companies
VET providers (all kinds)

Other stakeholders

Social partners (employer organisations and trade unions)

Thematic categories

Governance of VET and lifelong learning

Engaging VET stakeholders and strengthening partnerships in VET

Supporting lifelong learning culture and increasing participation

Promotion strategies and campaigns for VET and lifelong learning

Subsystem

IVET CVET

Further reading

[Information on the Ministry of National Education website](#)

Related policy developments

2018 **Approved/Agreed**

2018 law reforming VET

The new act:

 POLAND

Type of development

Regulation/Legislation

Subsystem

IVET CVET

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